



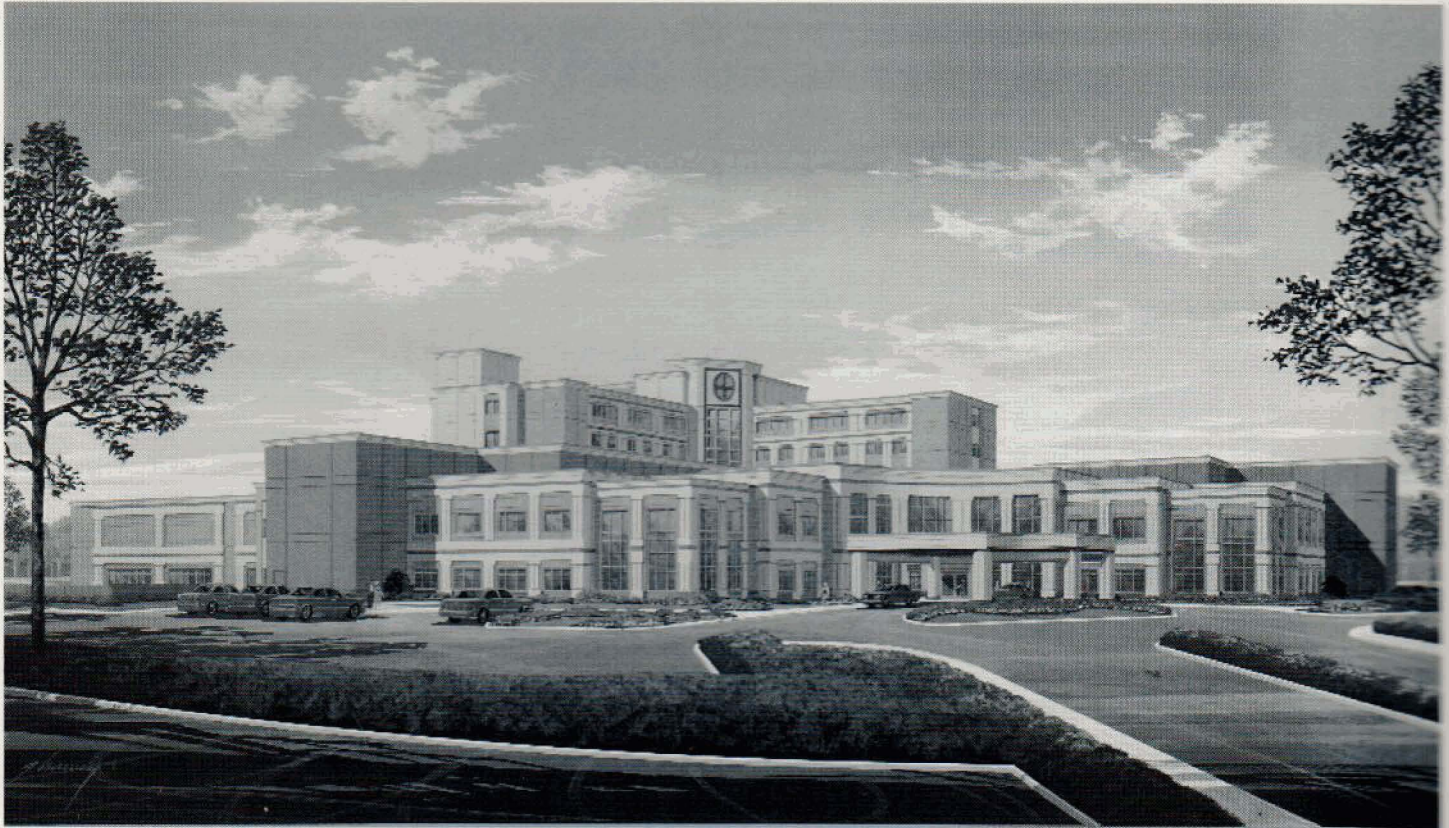
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On behalf of the Jackson Touchdown Club, we welcome you to the 41st Annual Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies and Awards Banquet. Once again, we at The Jackson Touchdown Club, along with The Central Mississippi Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, are privileged to recognize the finest professional and amateur athletes in Mississippi's illustrious sports history. You will be inspired by their athletic accomplishments and their outstanding commitments to helping others in their communities.

I encourage each and every one of you to visit The Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in Jackson to really gain an understanding of our state's proud sports heritage not only to Mississippi but to our Nation.

Many thanks to Jimmy Heidel, Executive Director of The Vicksburg - Warren County Chamber of Commerce, for continued help and support in securing sponsorship for this evenings event from the Vicksburg community.

The *Vicksburg Post* has once again done a superb job of introducing this night's inductees to the Vicksburg community.

Special thanks to last year's Jackson Touchdown Club President and Chairman of last year's induction banquet, Ralph Sowell, for his support and counsel.

Thanks to Glen Waddle for his "Voice" and many hours of wearing different hats on behalf of the Jackson Touchdown Club.

Thanks to Zandra Nowell for her yeoman efforts in coordinating all the banquet functions. Thanks to Phil Quigley for his travel in pursuit of support for our inductees.

My deepest appreciation to Chrissie and Mack Cameron for the endless hours they put in coordinating the ticket sales and seating. Thanks to Mack's assistant, Ginger Lambert for her handling the correspondence to the inductees, friends, and supporters of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Induction and Awards ceremonies.

To the Banquet committee and Board of Directors of the Jackson Touchdown Club, Thank you for your support and work.

Finally, please note and patronize our sponsors without whom tonight's event would not be possible.

Enjoy this evening's festivities as we honor Mississippi's finest athletes.

A.M. Zeidman

A. M. Zeidman, President
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Awards Banquet Program

PROCESSIONAL ENTRY OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLEGlen Waddle
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*** MEAL ***

AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION AND HALL OF FAME

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARDSteve Carmody
President, Central MS Chapter, NFFHOF

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Former High School and College Football Coach, Jackson, Mississippi

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDSSteve Carmody, Gene Delcomyn, Walter Reed

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PRESENTATION OF THE GENE MAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERMack Cameron
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PRESENTATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR ATHLETE OF THE YEARRalph Sowell
Past President, Jackson Touchdown Club

LATOYA THOMAS

All America, All SEC Basketball Player
Mississippi State Bulldogs
Greenville, Mississippi

**PRESENTATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**Walter Reed



DEUCE McALLISTER

Running Back, New Orleans Saints
Ole Miss Rebels
Lena, Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI SPORTS FOUNDATION PRESENTATION. Brenda Dyson
President-Elect, Mississippi Sports Foundation

INDUCTION OF THE NEW MEMBERS TO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

WARNER ALFORD

Athletic Director, Football player
Ole Miss Rebels
McComb, Mississippi

JAMES RAY CARPENTER

Professional Golfer, Golf Pro
Past President of the PGA
Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

BILL FOSTER

(Deceased, Posthumous Induction)
Baseball pitcher, Negro Leagues
Member of National Baseball Hall of Fame, Alcorn State Braves Baseball Coach
Rodney, Mississippi

MILDRETTE NETTER GRAVES

Olympic Gold Medalist Track Star
High School Coach
Alcorn State Braves
Rosedale, Mississippi

SUE GUNTER

Championship Basketball Player & Coach
Stephen F. Austin, Middle Tennessee State, LSU Tigers
Walnut Grove, Mississippi

KENT HULL

Football Player
New Jersey Generals (USFL)
Buffalo Bills
Mississippi State Bulldogs
Greenwood, Mississippi

JACKIE SLATER

Football Player
Los Angeles & St. Louis Rams
Jackson State Tigers
Jackson, Mississippi

BOB STEVENS

Championship High School Football Coach & Player, Championship Handball player
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Including Name, Year of Induction in National Hall of Fame, Mississippi Connection & Teams

AMERICAN BASEBALL COACHES HALL OF FAME (Mt. Pleasant, Michigan)

Ron Polk	1995	Mississippi State, Georgia, Georgia Southern
Tom Swayze	1982	Ole Miss

CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Jackie Parker	1971	Mississippi State, Edmonton Eskimos, Toronto Argonauts, British Columbia Lions
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE DIRECTORS OF AMERICA (Cleveland, Ohio)

T. B. Ellis, Jr.	1986	Jackson State
Reed Green	1978	Southern Mississippi
Carl Maddox	1986	LSU, Mississippi State
Walter Reed	1988	Jackson State, Florida A&M
Tad Smith	1972	Ole Miss

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME (Cooperstown, New York)

James "Cool Papa" Bell	1974	Negro Leagues (Starkville)
Dizzy Dean	1953	St. Louis Cardinals
Bill Foster	1996	Negro Leagues (Lorman, Alcorn & Rodney, MS)

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME (Springfield, Massachusetts)

Lusia "Lucy" Harris-Stewart	1992	Delta State, US Olympic Team
Bailey Howell	1997	Mississippi State, Detroit Pistons, Baltimore Bullets, Boston Celtics, Philadelphia 76ers
Margaret Wade	1985	Delta State

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME (Knoxville, Tennessee)

Sue Gunter	2000	Walnut Grove, East MS CC, Nashville Business College, Middle Tennessee State, Stephen F. Austin, LSU
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME (South Bend, Indiana)

Lance Alworth	1984	Arkansas (Brookhaven)
Felix (Doc) Blanchard	1959	Army (St. Stanislaus High School, Bay St. Louis)
Charlie Conerly	1966	Ole Miss
Charlie Flowers	1997	Ole Miss
Jake Gibbs	1995	Ole Miss
Goat Hale	1963	Mississippi College, Ole Miss, Millsaps
Parker Hall	1991	Ole Miss
Doug Kenna	1984	Army
Bruiser Kinard	1951	Ole Miss
D. D. Lewis	2001	Mississippi State
Archie Manning	1989	Ole Miss
George Morris	1981	Georgia Tech
Allyn McKeen	1991	Mississippi State
Jackie Parker	1976	Mississippi State
Walter Payton	1996	Jackson State
Barney Poole	1974	Ole Miss
Thad "Pie" Vann	1987	Southern Miss
Johnny Vaught	1979	Ole Miss

NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

Earl Leggett	1996	Hinds CC (LSU)
George Sekul	1996	Gulf Coast CC (Southern Mississippi)

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME (Canton, Ohio)

Lance Alworth	1978	San Diego Chargers, Dallas Cowboys (Arkansas, Brookhaven)
Lem Barney	1992	Detroit Lions (Jackson State)
Willie Brown	1984	Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders (Yazoo City)
"Bruiser" Kinard	1971	Brooklyn Dodgers (NFL), New York Yankees (AAFC), (Ole Miss)
Walter Payton	1993	Chicago Bears (Jackson State)
Billy Shaw	1999	Buffalo Bills (Georgia Tech, Vicksburg & Natchez)
Jackie Slater	2001	Los Angeles & St. Louis Rams (Jackson State)

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS HALL OF FAME (Newport, Rhode Island)

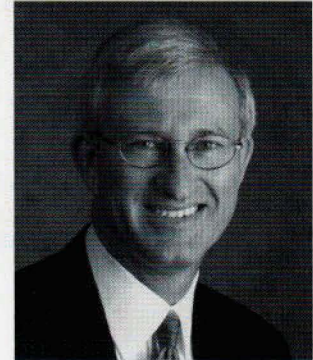
Slew Hester	1981	Founder, U. S. Open (River Hills, Jackson)
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RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 31, 2003



Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to extend greeting to all associates of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame as you gather for the 41st Anniversary Induction Banquet. Welcome to the beautiful and friendly City of Vicksburg and the great State of Mississippi.

It is an honor to commend *all* of this year's distinguished honorees for their accomplishments and dedication with special congratulations to the 2003 Hall of Fame inductees: Warner Alford, James Ray Carpenter, Bill Foster, Mildrette "Midge" Netter Graves, Sue Gunter, Kent Hull, Jackie Slater, and Bob Stevens.

These distinguished honorees have demonstrated exemplary professional leadership. Their dedication and commitment to excellence in their endeavors are an inspiration to all Mississippians. Thank you for enriching the State of Mississippi through your accomplishments.

Best wishes for a very successful and highly productive induction. If I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature of Ronnie Musgrove in dark ink, written over the typed name.
RONNIE MUSGROVE

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April 4, 2003

Welcome!!

On behalf of the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and the City of Vicksburg, I would like to welcome you to the "Red Carpet City of the South," and the Jackson Touchdown Club's 41st Annual Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Banquet.

The City of Vicksburg would like to congratulate this year's inductees into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. We know you are extremely proud to be receiving this honor. Your dedication and commitment to athletics is an inspiration to all. We would like to wish you continued success in the future.

We are honored and proud to have been chosen to be the host city of this year's celebration. It is our wish that you take some time while you are here to sample part of what Vicksburg has to offer: history, culture, diversity, great southern cuisine, unique shops, entertainment and much more. We know you will want to return time after time and enjoy true "Southern Hospitality."

Congratulations and enjoy your stay!

Sincerely,

LAURENCE E. LEYENS
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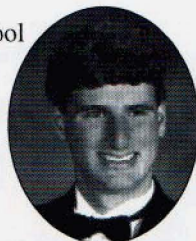
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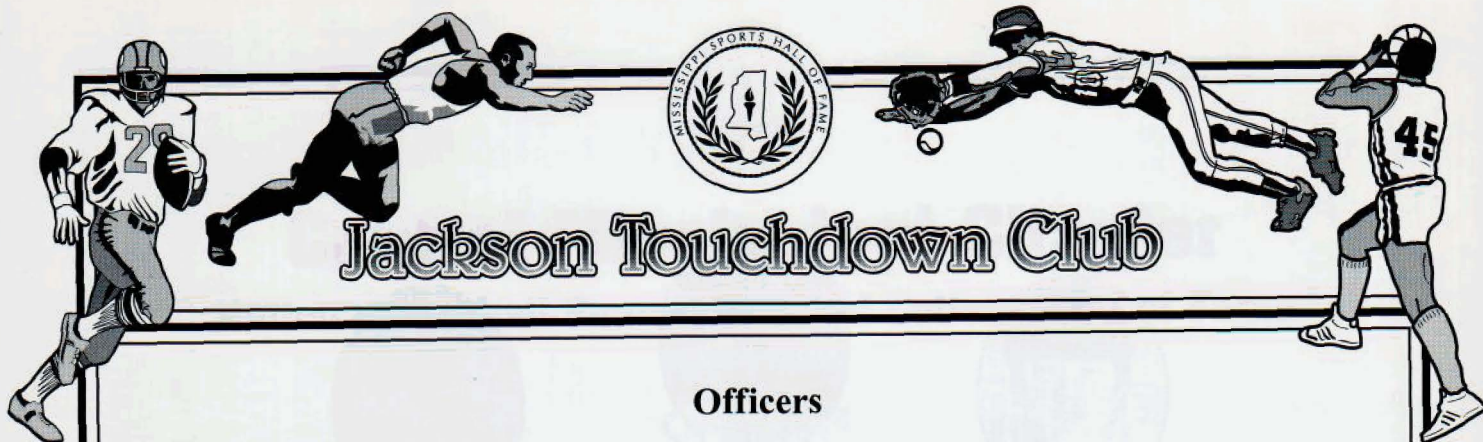
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THE HISTORY OF THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

In the latter part of the 1950's, sports flourished in the state of Mississippi. College teams in every sport in the state of Mississippi were excelling on a national level bringing home conference and national championships. Individual athletes from Mississippi were bringing widespread recognition to their home state. Being involved in athletics in Mississippi was at the top of the list of fans, alumni, and athletes during the full swing of the baby boom. Athletic clubs of all types, formed after World War II, began to exert influence on athletic events all across the United States and Mississippi was no different. It is in this atmosphere that the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame was born.

The Jackson Touchdown Club Creates the Hall

In Jackson, the Jackson Touchdown Club had reached new heights in membership and had strong leaders in the club hierarchy. The club, created in 1946, had become established as one of the top athletic gatherings in the South, primarily devoted to following high school, college and professional football. In 1960, the President of the Jackson Touchdown Club was longtime radio broadcaster "Farmer" Jim Neal. Neal, the well known Jackson personality, was approached by the Sports Editor of the Jackson State Times about the club honoring the state's great athletes and coaches and founding a Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Mississippi Red, Farmer Jim & Pop Allen

The sports editor who approached "Farmer" Jim was Jimmie McDowell. McDowell, known to most as "Mississippi Red," explained to the Jackson Touchdown Club that it would be most appropriate if the club took on the task of selecting and inducting outstanding Mississippi athletes to a new hall of fame. In print and in person, Jimmie strongly urged the Jackson Touchdown Club to become involved in an ambitious undertaking. "Farmer" Jim "took a liking" to the new idea for the club and the project gained fast approval. Shortly after the McDowell proposal, the formation of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame took shape at the old Heidelberg Hotel in Downtown Jackson in mere minutes at a Jackson Touchdown Club Board of Directors meeting. As "Farmer" Jim would later describe: "It didn't take us any time at all to realize the Jackson Touchdown Club had to do this for the athletic history of Mississippi. If we didn't do it, who would?"

In 1961, "Farmer" Jim Neal's successor as President, the late Curtis "Pop" Allen began to organize the induction process. Allen, a multi sport star at Delta State, would eventually become a top sports administrator in charge of the Jackson Public Schools from 1949-1986. "Pop" was inducted in 1994 posthumously into the same Hall of Fame he helped create. Along with Past President "Farmer" Jim and "Mississippi Red" Jimmie McDowell, "Pop" helped to set up a selection committee.

The idea of "Mississippi Red" would soon be transformed into reality with the help of "Farmer" and "Pop." The Jackson Touchdown Club planned an annual induction banquet to present the first class of inductees into the brand new Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. The banquet, approaching its 40th anniversary, traditionally takes place in February or March. For years the Hall of Fame banquet was always held on a date near the weekend of the Final Four NCAA basketball championship round.

Enter the Central Mississippi Chapter of National Football Foundation

At the same time of the creation of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame by the Jackson Touchdown Club, the Central Mississippi chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame came into being. On December 1, 1959, the parent chapter of this club, the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame for college football, presented scholarship awards to college seniors who exemplified the finest



combination of athletic skills, academic excellence and leadership. This historic night marked one of the first recorded events in the history of American sports which featured an organization honoring young men for their ability as football players and for their scholastic achievements.

Following the historic presentations, educational leaders across the nation recognized the National Football Foundation for its initiative in the creation of the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award, one of the highest honors bestowed upon college football players. These educational leaders began to help The Foundation pro

mote this award as they saw the value of intercollegiate football being an integral part of the education system. The awards program was expanded to include high school athletes and The Foundation chapters coast to coast adopted this program and began to raise funds for scholarships in connection with these awards.

Since many members of the Jackson Touchdown Club were also members of the Central Mississippi Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, it was natural for both groups to become active participants and cosponsor of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. The two groups have sponsored the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies for over 3 decades.

The First Class Is Inducted

Finally, after a year of planning, the first meeting of the elite selection committee, composed of members of both clubs and community leaders, was held and the first class of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame was chosen. In 1961, the inaugural class included: Edwin "Goat" Hale, the outstanding football coach who had led teams at Ole Miss, Mississippi College, and Millsaps; C. R. "Dudy" Noble, the standout baseball coach and athletic director from Mississippi State; Frank "Bruiser" Kinard, the legendary football player from Ole Miss and the NFL; and S. L. Stanley "Robby" Robinson, a top flight coach from Mississippi College.

Since the first class was inducted in 1961, there have been over 200 athletes, coaches, administrators, broadcasters and writers inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Due to the fondness and domination of the sport in Mississippi, football players and coaches comprise nearly half of the Hall of Fame members. Baseball and basketball players make up the second largest group of inductees. The classes also include the sports of tennis, golf, boxing, track & field plus sports officials, referees and administrators.

The criteria for selection into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame is simple in nature--athletic performance combined with outstanding citizenship. Inductees must have a connection to the state of Mississippi and are eligible 5 years after retirement from their sport. The connections to Mississippi may range from place of birth, college or professional sports affiliation, or contribution to a Mississippi community.

Dizzy Dean, for example, was born in Arkansas, yet his home after retirement was in Wiggins, Mississippi. Heisman Trophy winner Doc Blanchard of Army attended high school at St Stanislaus on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and he so fondly remembered his days in Mississippi that his Heisman is housed on the high school campus in permanent display. Typically, the selection committee picks 5 new members and 1 posthumous induction per year.

Notable names such as Walter Payton, Archie Manning, Bailey Howell, D. D. Lewis, Cool Papa Bell, and P. W. "Bear" Underwood are easily recognizable as Hall of Fame Members. The current Hall of Fame roster, however, contains the names of persons who made contributions to the sport that are larger than life. Slew Hester, for example, is the "Father of the U. S. Open" and is almost solely responsible for the creation of the U. S. Tennis Center in New York, home of the famed grand slam tournament. "Bull" Sullivan, famed coach from East Mississippi Community College was immortalized by writer Frank DeFord of *Sports Illustrated* who dubbed Sullivan as the "Toughest Coach That Ever Lived." The Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame membership is blessed with persons who make up a fantastic sports legacy of the Magnolia State.



Formation of the Mississippi Sports Foundation

From 1961 to present date, these members were honored with a large plaque and an annual banquet. The large metallic plaques were placed in the lower concourse of the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson with little fanfare and little notice. Many who did notice the plaques agreed that the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame deserved a better home. How to better preserve this sports heritage of a proud state remained a puzzling question.

In April, 1991, however, a small group of influential sports enthusiasts gathered over a casual lunch of red beans and rice at Hal & Mal's restaurant in downtown Jackson and the subject of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame came up for discussion. Again, as in the original formation of the sports hall, an editor of a Jackson paper became involved. Rick Cleveland, Sports Editor of the Jackson *Clarion Ledger*, decided to press the issue of a permanent home of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in print. The publicity generated by Rick plus the efforts of the small group that gathered at Hal & Mal's gained momentum for the origins of a new Hall of Fame related group.

The new Mississippi Sports Foundation, a non-profit venture designed to find a new home for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame plaques located in the Mississippi Coliseum, was created in June, 1992. Michael Rubenstein, longtime TV journalist in the Jackson area, was chosen as Executive Director and launched a state wide fundraising campaign that would span the next several years. The Foundation would soon gain an immense endorsement from Jim "Buck" Ross, former Commissioner of Agriculture, who had overseen the building of the Mississippi Agricultural Museum.

Funding the New Museum

With the backing of several key members of the Mississippi Sports Foundation and the fundraising campaign, the reality of building a new sports museum to house the Hall began to emerge. The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Jackson committed in excess of one million dollars to the project while the state of Mississippi issued \$2.5 million dollars in general obligation bonds in 1993 and 1994. Operating costs were to be assumed by the Mississippi Sports Foundation and not taxpayers. A site between the Smith-Wills baseball stadium and the Mississippi Agricultural Museum was selected for the \$4.5 million dollar museum, and groundbreaking ceremonies were held in 1995.

A Dream Home is Built

On July 4, 1996, The Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum opened to the public. The 21,542 square foot museum contains a sophisticated array of high tech interactive exhibits. Visitors are able to enjoy participatory exhibits in golf, soccer, and baseball. Touch screen computer kiosks are located throughout the ground floor of the museum offering visitors the opportunity to see and hear the exploits of the sports greats of Mississippi. Budding play-by-play announcers have the chance to call some of the greatest moments in Mississippi sports in the broadcasters booth.

Separate museum exhibits were created for baseball, Mississippi Olympians, and national championship teams. A locker room, conference center, theater, upstairs viewing area and gift shop are also housed in the museum. The Dizzy Dean museum exhibits, once located in a separate municipally owned building across from the museum, were moved to a prominent space in the new facility. With over 200 sports legends as members, the new home of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame is now a noted tourist attraction for the entire state to cherish.

The Future of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame

Today, the combined efforts of the Jackson Touchdown Club, the Central Mississippi Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Sports Foundation continue in the preservation of Mississippi's greatest sports legends. Funding and additional assistance is a constant need to improve and enhance the culmination of the plans of many sports fans who made both the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and the museum that houses it one of the finest sports showcases in the nation.



Warner Alford

Outstanding athletic administrator who was the co-captain of championship football teams at Ole Miss.....Born in McComb on April 26, 1938, his full name is John Warner Alford, Jr.....Versatile athlete at McComb High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track..... Selected as All America, All Big Eight and Most Outstanding lineman in 1955.....Made the All Big Eight basketball and track teams in his senior year at McComb.

Arrived at Ole Miss in 1956 and played on the freshman team for MSHOF member Wobble Davidson.....Coached by MSHOF legend Johnny Vaught at Ole Miss and his teammates are a who's who in the MSHOF including Jake Gibbs, the late Doug Elmore, Ralph "Catfish" Smith, Billy Ray Adams, Marvin Terrell, Larry Grantham, Jim Dunaway, Glynn Griffing, and Ole Miss Chancellor Robert Khayat.....Played left guard for some of the greatest teams in Rebel history between 1958 and 1960.

Member of two National Champion teams in 1959 and 1960 as the 1959 squad was dubbed the Team of the Decade of the 1950's and the 1960 team claimed the Grantland Rice Trophy, emblematic of the college football national title as recognized by the Football Writers Association of America..... Helped Ole Miss compile a record of 29-3-1 during his college career.

Co-captain of the 1960 SEC and National Championship Ole Miss team along with QB Jake Gibbs.....Played in three consecutive bowl games: the 1958 Gator Bowl, a 7-3 win over Florida; the 1960 Sugar Bowl, a 21-0 win over LSU; and the 1961 Sugar Bowl, a 14-6 victory over Rice.....Upon graduation, he entered private business at his hometown in McComb, but returned in 1965 to receive his Masters Degree in economics from Ole Miss.

Entered the coaching ranks in 1966 as an assistant at R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel.....Served as defensive coordinator at Davidson College in North Carolina in 1967.....Spent 14 months at Davidson before being hired as a assistant at Georgia Tech, where he coached from 1968-1971. Warner was a defensive coach in charge of the scout teams for



head coach Bud Carson in 1968. He coached the Tech linebackers in 1969 and 1970 and was an assistant on the Yellowjacket squad that defeated Texas Tech in the 1970 Sun Bowl.

Hired on February 1, 1971, by Ole Miss head football coach Billy Kinard to coach the defensive line at his alma mater..... Assisted the Rebels in amassing a record of 21-12 in the 1971, 1972, and 1973 seasons plus a Peach Bowl victory in 1971 over his former employer Georgia Tech by a 41-18 score.....Named assistant athletic director and director of Rebel recruiting in 1974 under new head football coach Ken Cooper.....In 1977, he relinquished his recruiting duties to devote full attention to athletic administration at the UMAA.

On February 1, 1978, he became one of the nation's youngest athletic directors when he assumed the A.D. role at Ole Miss at age 38.....One of his first chores at Ole Miss was to bring the school into compliance with Title IX by improving women's athletics at Ole Miss. When he took over as A.D., there were only five men's sports and three women's sports offered by the school. At the conclusion of his 16 years of service in 1994, the Rebels had increased men's sports from 5 to 8 and women's sports from 3 to 7 teams.....Considered one of the pioneers in increasing the profile of women's athletics and served on the committee to formulate

Warner Alford

plans to bring women's sports into SEC competition..... Made sure that Ole Miss student-athletes made progress in their education as he made academic integrity one of his top priorities.

During his tenure, Ole Miss produced the highest graduation rate of athletes among schools in Mississippi and he helped expand the academic counseling staff to help maintain a department-wide level of excellence in the classroom.....His personable style and public relations acumen made him a natural at fundraising and led to successful improvement campaigns at Ole Miss.....At the culmination of the Drive for Athletics raising \$11 million, Vaught-Hemingway Stadium received a major facelift and a new press box which included 29 new luxury sky boxes. Also included in the project was the addition of a \$500,000 lighting system installed in the summer of 1990, which brought night football to Oxford.....Prior to the Drive for Athletics, he spearheaded the addition of 7,000 end zone seats and natural grass replacing the artificial turf at Vaught-Hemingway.....

He served as a driving force in the construction of a new Rebel baseball stadium to replace old Swayze Field. Raised funds with the Oxford community to open Oxford-University Stadium Swayze Field in 1989. New Swayze Field was named as the nation's top collegiate field in the spring of 1993.....Assisted in renovations to the University golf course and the track facility where stands were added and the track was resurfaced. Under his watch as A.D., the Doc Knight Field House also received a \$3.5 million dollar overhaul with a new training center....Served on numerous SEC and NCAA high profile committees including the SEC Executive Committee, the SEC Basketball Tournament Site Selection Committee for men and women, the College Football Association's Television Committee, NCAA Professional Sports liaison, NCAA Honors Committee, and the NCAA Certification Committee.

During the January, 1991, NCAA Convention, he was named to the 44 member NCAA Council as a Division 1 representative and he was selected third Vice President of the Division 1A Directors Association.....Worked on the NCAA Council while



also holding the positions of second Vice President of the Division 1A Directors Association and third Vice President of NACDA.....

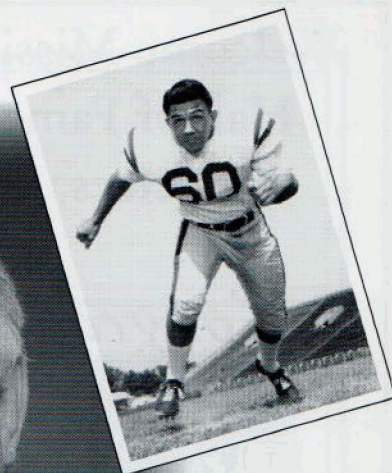
In May, 1992, he was selected chairman of the College Football Association Athletic Director's Committee, which in turn placed him on the CFA's Board of Directors.....Considered a superb negotiator, particularly in the field of TV rights and revenues for the SEC.

After 16 and one half years, in 1994, he retired as Director of Athletics Emeritus from the University of Mississippi and accepted a position as Vice President of customer relations for Mississippi Diversified Corporation in Jackson. In 1999, he became Director of Athletics at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, serving in that capacity until February, 2001, when he returned to Jackson as Vice President and National Sales Manager for the Assurant Group.

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James Ray Carpenter

Talented golfer who was the first Mississippian to be named president of the PGA.....Native of Runnelstown who was raised in Hattiesburg.....Born on December 12, 1926.....Carpenter was a multi-talented athlete at Hattiesburg High, where he played tailback in a single wing offense on the football team in his junior and senior seasons.

He played on the basketball squad for 3 years and was named All Big Eight as a 5 foot 9 inch center in 1945. James Ray also played on the Hattiesburg tennis team.....Due to his performance on the gridiron, Carpenter received scholarship offers from Vanderbilt, Tulane, and Jones Junior College, but he opted to sign to play basketball for Mississippi State in 1945.....Coached by MSHOF member Dick Hitt at MSU, James Ray led the Bulldogs in scoring as a freshman and the Bulldogs finished with a 5-14 mark in the 1945-46 season. At the end of the season, Coach Hitt required him to go out for baseball, a sport he had never played.

Carpenter pitched for MSHOF member Dudy Noble in the spring of 1946 on the first team the Bulldogs had fielded after a two year hiatus due to World War II. The Bulldogs finished 3-12 for the season.....In 1946, Carpenter was sidelined due to a serious kidney infection. He returned home to Hattiesburg and transferred to Southern Mississippi where he became a force on the basketball and baseball teams. James Ray was one of the school's finest athletes as he helped re-establish the basketball program and was a top flight pitcher on the diamond. He was a go-to guy, a player that coaches wanted to handle the ball when the final seconds ticked down in a game.

Carpenter had the knack of making the big play to win a game or to bail the team out of a tough spot.....He was a regular on talented basketball teams at Southern Miss. In 1947-48, he was coached by J. D. Stonestreet as the Southerners compiled a 7-10 record. The 1948-49 squad was coached by Jess Thompson and went 6-10, but Carpenter's talents began to shine when he was guided by MSHOF member Lee Floyd in the 1949-50 season when Southern Miss rolled to an impressive 18-7 record.....On the pitching mound, James Ray had an outstanding fastball and a deceptive curve ball which allowed him to rack up his share of strikeouts. He played for three seasons for the Southern Miss



baseball squad. He was coached in 1948 and 1949 by MSHOF member Thad Pie Vann as his teams finished 11-11 and 10-10 respectively. He was coached by MSHOF member Clyde "Heifer" Stuart in 1950 and 1951 as the Southerner diamond teams went 5-6 and 7-6-1 in those campaigns. A tumbling accident ruined Carpenter's shoulder in his senior year and cut his collegiate career short.....Amazingly, Carpenter received coaching from no less than 5 MSHOF members: Thad "Pie" Vann, Clyde "Heifer" Stuart, Dick Hitt, Lee Floyd, and Dudy Noble.....After graduation in 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and received a direct commission as second lieutenant. Carpenter was assigned in 1953 to Osaka, Japan, to be the administrator of all Air Force patients in three Army hospitals. He played military service basketball with one Army team and two Air Force teams and averaged 38, 39, and 45 points per game for the three squads..... At the end of the Korean War, he was transferred to Tokyo General Hospital where he played on the Far East Air Force squad. While in Tokyo, he was contacted by Biloxi High school and accepted a job as assistant football coach and head coach in basketball and baseball. While James Ray enjoyed the coaching profession on the Coast, the low pay and his family concerns forced him to accept other employment.....In 1959, Carpenter, age 33, was selling oil field chemicals when an event happened that would be a turning point in his life. The president of his company insisted that James Ray play golf with an executive of the California Oil Company. Carpenter had never

James Ray Carpenter

played golf before, but with a starter set of Sam Snead Blue Ridge clubs and three Club Special golf balls, he became addicted to the game. At the time he got hooked on golf, there were no junior programs in existence, but he dedicated himself to the sport and rose from being a self-taught pro at a small, public course in south Mississippi to the position of President of the PGA of America.....After improving his game, he became an accomplished amateur who turned professional and is now one of the state's greatest ambassadors of golf.....He played in the amateur ranks intensely for the next several years.....In 1964, his alma mater contacted him about being the golf pro at Southern Mississippi. He accepted the position and remained at Southern Miss until 1990, a 26 year span. James Ray was a jack of all golf trades and master of many. His nickname was "Pro" and he could be seen one minute all greasy from fixing a golf cart and the next minute giving a junior linkster lessons. Later at night, he would emcee a banquet and delight the crowd with his jokes and golf tales....In 1969, after making the highest score out of 173 professionals at the PGA Business School, Carpenter became a member of the PGA.

James Ray was selected as President of the Mississippi PGA and Gulf States PGA Secretary in 1973. He soon became a rules official which gave him the opportunity to officiate at every important professional and amateur golf event played in the world.....He served as Gulf States PGA President from 1974-75 and was named Mississippi PGA Professional of the Year in 1975.....Carpenter received the prestigious Gulf States PGA Horton Smith Award for teaching golf in 1976..

In 1977, Carpenter was named Gulf States Professional of the Year and was elected to the National PGA Board of Directors the next year, where he served until 1981.....He was appointed to the PGA Rules Committee in 1979 and since that appointment, he has taught at numerous PGA/USGA rules workshops. Carpenter continues to serve on this key committee.

From 1979-2001, he was a rules official at the PGA Championship tournament.....Carpenter was elected National PGA Treasurer for the 1983-84 term and served as National PGA Vice President in 1985-86. The year 1985 was another landmark year in James Ray's golf career as he was Chairman of the 1985 Ryder Cup. Carpenter became the first Mississippian to be elected National President of the PGA

when he served from 1987-88. The Jackson Touchdown Club named Carpenter as Mississippi Pro Sportsman of the Year in 1987.....In 1988, James Ray was named Golf Person of the Year by *Southern Golf Journal*. Carpenter was also chairman of the PGA Championship, the PGA Seniors Championship, the PGA Club Professional Championship, the PGA Grand Slam, and the inaugural Senior Club Pro Championship. He was captain of the PGA Cup Matches against Europe..A well seasoned rules official, Carpenter has been part of golf's top events including the PGA Championship (1979-2001), the U. S. Open (1983-1988), the Masters (1983-1988, 1994-2001), the Ryder Cup (1983-1999), the Tournament Players Championship (1983-1988, 1994, 1996), and numerous PGA Seniors, PGA Club Pro, and Senior Club Pro events.....James Ray is also an accomplished writer on his adopted sport. He has written articles that were published in *Golf Digest*, *PGA Magazine*, and the *USGA Golf Journal*.

On February 1, 1990, James Ray departed Southern Miss to work for Tatum Development Corporation in the construction of Timberlon Golf Club in Hattiesburg. He continues to serve as Director of Golf for Timberlon.. In 2000, 2001, and 2002, James Ray served as consultant and tournament official for the Golf Course Superintendent's Association. This involved setting up 5 or 6 golf courses for 600 to 700 contestants over a three day event. He then served as rules official for the Championship Flight. He has also served as President of the Mississippi Turfgrass Association..Carpenter's nomination to the MSHOF was endorsed by a Who's Who list of notable golf personalities including: Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Jim Galagher, Jr., Sandy Jones of the British PGA, Jim Awtrey of the PGA, Timothy Finchem of the PGA Tour, Don Essig, III, the Chairman of the PGA Rules Committee, Thomas J. Meeks of the US Golf Association, Will Nicholson, the past president of the USGA, Stephen Mona, the CAE of the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America, Curtis Strange, and Janet Lindsay of the LPGA.

Carpenter is also a member of two other athletic Halls of Fame. He was inducted into the Southern Mississippi Athletes Hall of Fame on May 7, 1977, and became a charter member of the Gulf States PGA Hall of Fame in 1999.



Nominations for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame

Members of the Jackson Touchdown Club, the Mississippi Sports Foundation, and officials of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum are frequently asked the question: How do you nominate someone for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and what are the qualifications for induction?

The qualifications for induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame are outlined in the established By-Laws of the organization and there are 4 basic requirements:

1. Mississippi Connection or Residency--the person must be
 - (A) born in Mississippi; or
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 - (C) an athlete who competed in Mississippi; or
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 - (E) someone identified in the public mind as an outstanding sports person from Mississippi.
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 - (B) an athletic administrator; or
 - (C) someone identified in the public mind as an outstanding sports person from Mississippi.
3. Time Requirements--the person must be
 - (A) retired from the sport for at least five (5) years; or
 - (B) 50 years of age or older who is still active in their particular sport.
4. Citizenship Requirements -- In addition to athletic achievement, the Selection Committee must give weight to the nominee's off the field character including the nominee's leadership and citizenship.

The nomination process for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame is always OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Anyone can nominate a person for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. *Once a person is nominated for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, they remain a permanent nominee unless they are selected for induction.* Additional biographical information is always welcome for any nominee's file. A complete list of all nominees is available from the Jackson Touchdown Club, the administrative body of the selection process since 1960.

The Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee meets annually in the late spring or early summer. The Selection Committee may induct a minimum of four nominees with a maximum of six nominees; however, if six persons are chosen, one of the inductees must be a posthumous selection.

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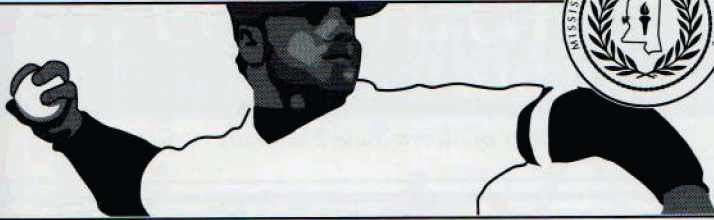
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Bill Foster

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Foster was a famed Negro League baseball pitcher from Alcorn who is a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.....Born on June 12, 1904, and hails from either Victoria or Calvert, Texas, depending on various sources.....Full name is William Hendrick Foster and was nicknamed Bill or Willie.....Half brother of Andrew "Rube" Foster, the Hall of Fame founder, president, and commissioner of the Negro Leagues in the 1920s.....Bill's mother died when he was only four years old and he was raised by his maternal grandparents in Rodney, Mississippi. In his early days, he played baseball with the winning team receiving the prize of a wagon load of watermelons.....After World War I, Bill attempted to follow Rube, whom he idolized, into the Negro Leagues where Rube was playing for the Chicago American Giants. In 1918, at the tender age of 15, Foster left Alcorn College where he was attending school and traveled north to Chicago to work in the stockyards and join Rube's team. Rube refused to allow Bill to play and sent him back home to further his education at Alcorn. The rejection by Rube created friction between the half brothers. Dejected, Foster returned to school at Alcorn College.

In 1923, Bill signed to play for the Memphis Red Sox and pitched in one game. Rube used his power in the league to demand that the younger Foster, who was now 18 years old, be sent to Chicago. When Memphis owner Bubbles Lewis reluctantly agreed, Bill was traded to the American Giants where he completed an excellent season with a 5-2 record. Foster protested the trade due to the deep feelings that remained from Rube sending him home in 1918, but he performed magnificently on the mound for Chicago. The left hander was a big, raw boned player who stood 6-2, weighed 215 pounds, and was at his best in clutch games. His pitches included an "around the corner" and "off the table" curve, a super change-up, a slider, a fast-breaking drop ball, a sidearm curve, and a masterful change of pace pitch. Foster's pitching prowess was described by his manager & teammate, Dave Malarcher of the American Giants: "Willie Foster's greatness was that he had this terrific speed and a great, fast breaking curve ball and a drop ball, and he was really a master of the change-of-pace. He could throw you a real fast one and then use the same motion and bring it up a little slower yet. And then he'd use the same motion



again, and z-zzzz! At the plate, Bill was an accomplished switch hitter....Still protesting the treatment from Rube, Foster actually split his first three seasons in the Negro leagues with the American Giants, the Memphis Red Sox, and the Birmingham Black Barons. He played his first full season in the league with Chicago in 1926 after Rube turned over his manager duties to Dave Malarcher. During this period of time, Bill attended college in Tennessee in the early stages of the season and then pitched full-time after school concluded for the summer.....As the ace of the pitching staff, he led the American Giants to pennants in 1926, 1927, and 1933.... In 1926, he won 26 consecutive games against all levels of competition while compiling an 11-4 league record. After winning the second half of the season, the American Giants needed to win both games of a final day doubleheader against the famed Kansas City Monarchs to capture the pennant. With the team's back to the wall, Foster started and won both ends of the doubleheader, defeating star hurler Bullet Rogan in each contest to claim the Negro National League Flag. The doubleheader wins by Foster have reached legendary proportions and is part of Negro Leagues baseball lore. After Bill led the American Giants to the first game win by a 1-0 score, he walked back out to warm up for game two. When the second game started, Foster sat the side down 1, 2, 3, and Rogan grabbed a baseball and headed out to the mound, but Foster tossed a 5-0 shutout completing 18 innings of a back-to-back championship pitching appearance. In the Black World Series, he turned in

Bill Foster

Bill Foster biographical and baseball career information provided by the Official Baseball Register, the Encyclopedia of the Negro Leagues, the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, and MSHOF Member Dave Whitney of Alcorn State University

a sensational pitching performance against the Eastern Colored League champion Bacharach Giants of Atlantic City. He picked up two crucial wins including a tenth winning game 1-0 shutout and racked up a sparkling 1.27 ERA as the American Giants claimed the title.....In 1927, Bill played under a new manager, Dave Malarcher, and posted his best record (32-3) (21-3 in 29 league game appearances). Only one other player, Slim Jones, ever won more games in a single season in the Negro Leagues, which had a schedule of 60 games. He paced Chicago to another Negro National League pennant and Black World Series appearance. In the title tilt, Bill was once again the Chicago workhorse as he pitched 2 complete games, relieving in 2 others, and picked up 2 victories along with a 3.00 ERA.....Reportedly, Bill won over 80 games during the 1926 and 1927 seasons.

After each of the championship seasons with Chicago, Foster played winter baseball, traveling to Cuba after the 1926 title season, and playing in the California league after the 1927 season where he finished with a 14-1 record..... For the next two years, his ledger shows a 14-10 record in 1928 and 11-7 in 1929. After failing to contend for the pennant, Chicago ownership replaced Malarcher with Foster as manager of the team for the 1930 season. Bill appeared in 34 games and fashioned a 16-10 record in league play.....Foster resigned as manager following the 1930 campaign stating that he could not do justice to managing while he was performing on the pitching staff.....The death of Rube and the depression era destroyed the great baseball machine in Chicago and Foster might have had more wins if not for the conditions of the times.....In 1931, Bill was enticed away from the Giants on a temporary basis to join the famed Homestead Grays. His presence on the pitching staff made an already good team one of the greatest Negro League teams of all time. In September, in a rare appearance, Bill pitched Cum Posey's Grays to a win over J. L. Wilkinson's Kansas City Monarchs. With the permission of the owners of both teams, he switched teams for the remainder of the season from the Grays to the Monarchs and he is credited with a combined 9-2 record for both clubs.....He returned to Chicago and manager Dave Malarcher again to pitch for Cole's American Giants and his league ledger showed 15-8 and 9-3 in 1932 and 1933, each producing a pennant for his team. In 1932, the American Giants won the Negro Southern League

flag and then pitched the Giants to the 1933 pennant in the new Negro National League.....Foster was the leading vote getter and winning pitcher in the inaugural East/West Negro League All Star game that was played in 1933 at Comiskey Park in Chicago as the West defeated the East before a crowd of 19,568 fans. In 1934, the American Giants won the first half championship, but lost a close playoff series 4 games to 3 to the second half champion Philadelphia Stars. That season, he was the losing pitcher in the East/West Negro League All Star game as the East shut out the West 1-0 behind the pitching of legendary Satchel Paige before a crowd of 30,000 at Comiskey Park in Chicago.....In 1935, he had a league record of either 4-2 or 6-3 (depending on the source) and notched a revenge win over Satchel Paige in a late September match-up.....Foster joined the Pittsburgh Crawfords in 1936, the last year of the acclaimed team's black baseball domination. He returned to Chicago in 1937, his final full season with a top team in the Negro Leagues. Bill compiled a record of 5-4, appearing in 13 games. At the end of the 1937 season, he played for a white semi-pro team in Jamestown, South Dakota, and lost to Satchel Paige's Bismarck, North Dakota, squad by either a 1-0 or 3-2 score in a post season tournament.....His 15 year Negro league totals topped the numbers of Paige, who was two years older than Bill. In comparing what records have not been destroyed from the era, Foster had career totals of 137 wins and 62 losses for a winning percentage of .688. Paige, on the other hand, won 129 games, lost 79, and had a winning mark of .620. Overall, Bill pitched in 265 Negro League games, giving up 972 hits, issuing 370 walks, recording 735 strikeouts, and notching 34 shutouts and 12 saves..Additionally, he compiled a 6-1 record against white major league all star teams in barnstorming tours of the time period. He spent his last year in baseball with a white semi-pro team in Elgin, Illinois, and the Washington Browns, a Negro team from Yakima, Washington..... From 1939 to 1960, he resided in North Carolina where he was an insurance salesman. In 1960, he returned home when he was named Dean of Men at Alcorn A&M, now Alcorn State University. He also served as head coach of the Braves baseball team.....He finally retired from Alcorn and his diamond chores in 1970.....Departed this life on September 16, 1978, at Lorman.....Elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, by the Committee on Baseball Veterans in 1996.

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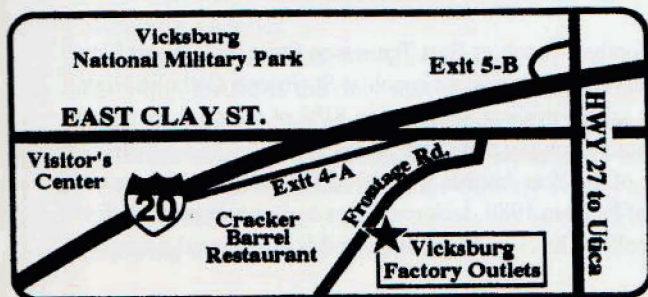
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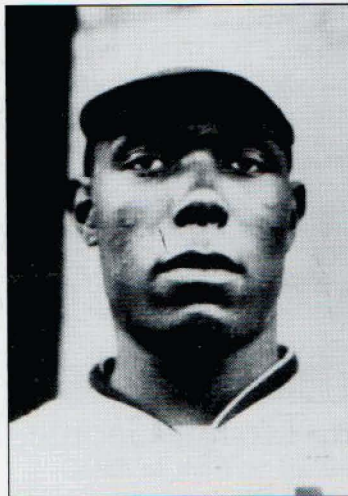
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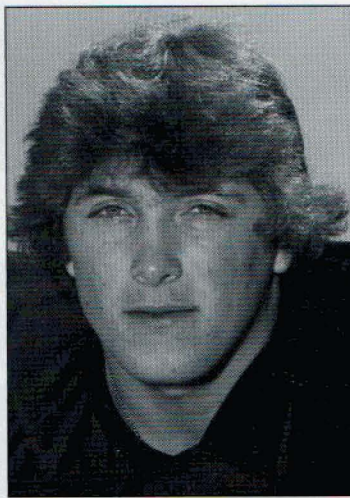
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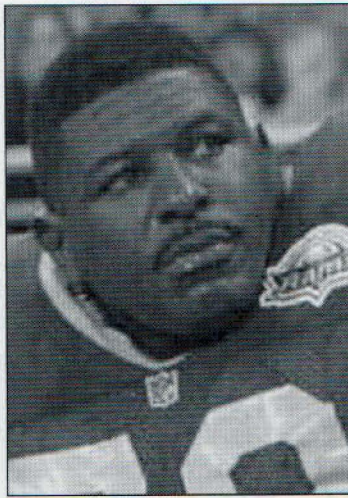
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Hall of Fame Olympic gold medalist track and field star who hails from Rosedale and performed at Alcorn State..... "Midge" is the second sibling of three brothers and one sister whose birth date is July 15, 1948.

During her junior and senior high school years, she participated in basketball, band, track, and cheerleading.....1967 graduate of West Bolivar High School in Rosedale.....Enrolled at Alcorn State where she would major in health and physical education and graduate in 1972 as an honor student.....She was a three time All SWAC and All NAIA track performer between 1968 and 1972 and held the third best 100 meter time in the world in 1968.....Member of the U.S. Olympic Track & Field team that competed in the 1968 Summer Olympics.... Received an Olympic gold medal with a record breaking performance in the 4X100 relay. A sophomore at Alcorn at the time, Graves recalls: "I remember getting on the stand like it was yesterday."

Graves also witnessed the events surrounding the historic Olympic black power salute protest by U.S. track stars Tommie Smith and John Carlos during a medal ceremony. Midge commented on the protest in a February 22, 2002, article in the Jackson Clarion Ledger by stating that: "Personally, I didn't think it was the place or time.".....Graves was a member of an AAU International track team that competed in Norway and Poland in 1968 and 1969.....She was a part of the U.S. European Track and Field tour between 1969-70.....She was named Outstanding Athlete in her AAU region in 1969 and was invited to participate in the dedication of RFK Stadium in Washington, DC.....Midge was chosen as Female Athlete of the Year by the 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta, Georgia, in 1969....

Upon graduation from Alcorn in 1972, Midge entered the coaching profession at Leland High School where she was girls track coach, cheerleader sponsor, and physical education instructor.....From 1973 to 1978, she led the Leland High girls track squad to 4 Delta Valley Conference championships, 3 district crowns, and 2 North Mississippi titles.....She was picked as Delta Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 1973, 1975, 1977, 1978, and



1979.....Midge was honored in 1979 as the Regional Coach of the Year for the Southeastern Region by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

In the same year, she returned to Alcorn when she accepted a position as a graduate track assistant. During this time period, she returned to the classroom and received a Master of Science Degree from Alcorn in 1981....She moved to Magnolia Junior High at Moss Point in 1981 when she was hired as head coach of girls basketball.....She served as assistant coach for girls track at Moss Point High School from 1981-1989. Between 1982 and 1988, her girls thincladders won 6 District, 2 South State, and 2 Big 8 Eastern titles.....Midge received a District 5 Coach of the Year honor from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association in 1988.

She departed the Coast in 1989 and returned to the Delta as she was named girls track coach and cross country coach at Clarksdale High....From 1989 to 2002, she guided Clarksdale to one District and two district runner-up finishes in girls track.....Her sterling high school track coaching career spans over 25 years.....In 1988, she was featured in *American Visions* magazine in a Salute to Black Olympians article.....Midge was honored in 1996 when she was selected to be an Olympic torchbearer for the Atlanta Summer Olympics.

She has been enshrined in the Bob Hayes Track Hall of Fame (2001), the Alcorn State Sports Hall of Fame (1996), the SWAC Hall of Fame (1995), the

Mildrette Netter Graves

Alcorn State Hall of Honor (1992), and the Rosedale-West Bolivar High School Hall of Fame (1998).....Her MSHOF nomination was endorsed by MSHOF members Ralph Boston and Willye White.....Resides in Clarksdale.

TRACK & FIELD ATHLETIC RECORD:

1964-67 West Bolivar High School, Rosedale, MS
Participated in basketball, track, and cheerleading in her junior & senior years.

1968 Alcorn State

Member of AAU International Team that competed in Norway and Poland; third best 100 meter time in the world

US Olympic Track & Field team member, Mexico City Summer Olympics; Gold medal winner in the 4 x 100 meter relay

1969 Alcorn State

Member of AAU International Team that competed in Norway and Poland; Member of the US European Track and Field Tour; Selected as Female of the Year by the 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta. Named Outstanding athlete in AAU Region and participated in the dedication of R.F.K. Stadium in Washington, DC

1970 US European Track and Field Tour member

1971 Alcorn State

1972 Alcorn State

Selected All SWAC and All NAIA in track three times from 1968-72; U. S. Olympic Track & Field team

COACHING AND TEACHING HIGHLIGHTS:

1973 Head coach, girls track, Leland High School, Leland, MS Delta Valley Conference Coach of the Year

1974 Leland High School

1975 Leland High School

Delta Valley Conference Coach of the Year

1977 and 1978 Leland High School

Delta Valley Conference Coach of the Year

1979 Leland High School

Delta Valley Conference Coach of the Year; *



US Southeast Region High School Coach of the Year as named by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association; From 1973-78, led Leland to 4 Delta Valley Conference titles, 3 District crowns, and 2 North State championships

1980 Assistant track coach, Alcorn State

1984 Head coach, girls basketball, Magnolia Junior High School, Moss Point, MS

1981-89 Assistant coach, girls track, Charlotte Hyatt & West Elementary, Moss Point High School, Moss Point, MS

Helped lead her girls track teams from 1982-1988 to 6 District titles, 2 South State crowns, and 2 Big 8 Eastern Zone Championships

1989-2002 Head coach, girls track, Clarksdale High School; Featured in *American Visions* magazine for Salute to Black Olympians; From 1988-1994, guided Clarksdale High girls track team to one District championship and two district runner-up finishes

1996 Olympic torchbearer for Atlanta Olympics games

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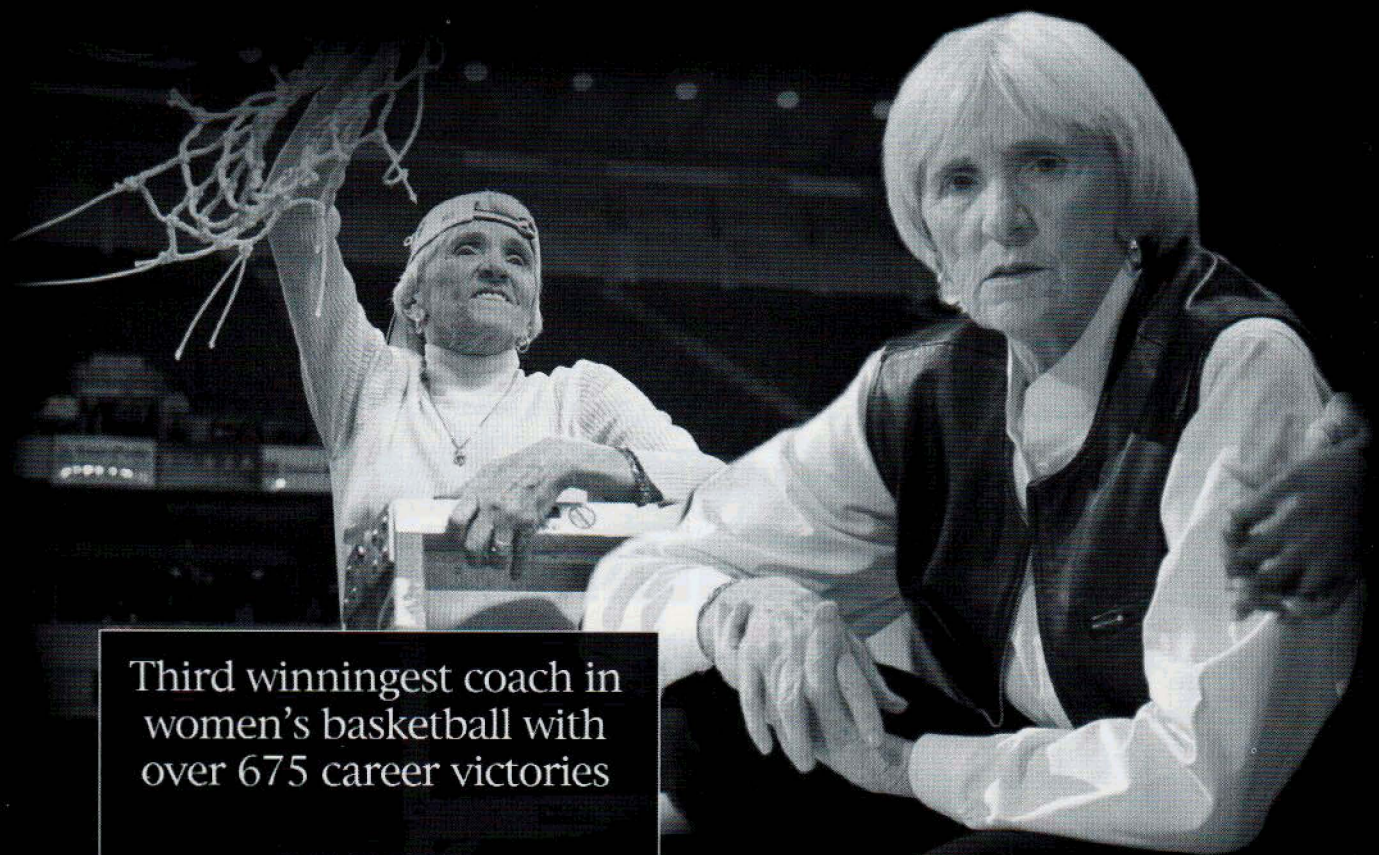
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Sue Gunter



Hall of Fame coach from LSU who hails from Walnut Grove and is the fourth winningest women's basketball coach in NCAA history.....Sue was born on May 22, 1941, the daughter of Lovette and Ivadean Gunter, in Walnut Grove, and learned how to play basketball by playing year round on a goal placed in the Gunters' front yard.....In the 1950's, basketball was king in Leake County because only Carthage High fielded a football team at that time while every school featured boys and girls basketball. In Leake County, basketball was a passion. "If you didn't play basketball, you were nothing. I just fell in love with the game. I can't remember when I didn't play. I wouldn't give anything for where I grew up."....She was a super scoring guard for Walnut Grove High, where she helped her team compile a 44-4 record in 1956-57 averaging 28 points a game.

When she graduated from high school, there were only four colleges with women's basketball teams and the AAU was the governing body of the sport instead of the NCAA. She departed Leake County for East Central Mississippi Junior College in 1957.....In addition to being a member of the East Central women's hoops squad, she also played tennis, and was secretary of the Student Body Association. While playing at East Central, Sue learned of opportunities to play with the Nashville Business College AAU team.

She left East Central to enroll at Peabody College in Nashville. From 1958 to 1962, Gunter was a guard wearing No. 25 for Nashville Business College, a talented AAU team that captured two National titles. She was coached by John Head, who used Sue at shooting guard. In the 1958 National AAU tournament, Head's squad, with Gunter gunning in shots, toppled the famed Wayland (Texas) Baptist team led by coach Harley Redin who had racked up 6 AAU National crowns and 132 consecutive victories coming into the game. Sue was selected All America in 1960 and was chosen to play on the U. S. National Team that competed against the Soviet Union from 1960-62.....Sue completed her education at Peabody, earning a Bachelors & Masters degree.....She entered coaching in 1963 as head coach for the Middle Tennessee State Lady Blue Raiders. Sue coached her teams at Middle Tennessee State to two undefeated seasons.

Gunter moved to Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1965 as head women's basketball coach at Stephen F. Austin. She would lead the Ladyjacks to AIAW success for 15 years through the 1979-80 season. Gunter built Stephen F. Austin into a national women's college basketball power as the Ladyjacks won 266 games and



lost only 87 during her tenure with six 20 win seasons and two 30 plus win years. In her 12 years at the school, she guided her teams to four top 20 rankings, four state titles, a regional championship, and five appearances in the AIAW Tournament. While coaching the Ladyjacks, Sue was chosen to serve as head coach of the U.S. National Team and assistant coach of the 1976 U.S. Olympic team. After 16 seasons with the Ladyjacks, Sue relinquished the coaching reigns and became Director of Women's Athletics where she served two years before arriving in Baton Rouge to coach LSU for the 1982-83 season..

She is the winningest coach in LSU women's basketball—with 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, two NCAA Elite Eight appearances, six NCAA Sweet 16 appearances, an SEC Tournament title, a Women's NIT championship, and a handful of Coach of the Year awards.....During her 20 years in charge at LSU, her Lady Tiger hoops teams have won 385 games with 209 losses and she led LSU to within one game of the Final Four in 1986 and 2000 and a 1985 National Women's Invitation Tournament title. Gunter has directed LSU to twelve 20 plus win seasons...In her first season at LSU in 1983, she jump-started the program by leading the Lady Tigers to a 20-7 mark and a No. 20 national ranking in the AP poll. She was named National Coach of the Year by Basketball News, the Converse Region IV Coach of the Year, and the Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Assoc-

Sue Gunter

iation.....Her 1984 team started the season with a then school-record 12 straight wins and appeared in the NCAA Tournament for the first time. The Lady Tigers completed the year with a No. 8 ranking in the nation. During the 1985 season, Gunter led the Tigers to a 20-9 record, the school's first national title, the WNIT. The 1986 season was probably one of the most satisfying for Gunter as the Lady Tigers posted a 27-6 record and appeared in the SEC title game. A trip to the Final Four, however, was denied with a 67-65 loss to Tennessee in the Mideast Regional Finals.....Sue became the winningest coach in LSU women's basketball history during the 1987 season surpassing Jinks Coleman.

In her silver anniversary year of coaching in 1989, Sue collected her 400th career victory. With only one senior on the squad and one of the nation's toughest schedules, Gunter's Lady Tigers roared to a 19-11 record. Her Lady Tigers finished the 1991 season with a 24-7 record and ranked No. 8 in the final AP polls. Under Gunter's guidance, LSU captured their first SEC Tournament title by knocking off eventual national champion Tennessee by a 80-75 score. In 1992, the Lady Tigers slipped to 16-13 overall and 4-7 in the SEC, but Gunter prodded the team to a late season push to make the NCAA tourney. In 1993, Gunter and the Lady Tigers suffered through their first losing season ever as LSU fell to 9-18 and 0-11 in the SEC. Gunter calls that season the most trying in her career.

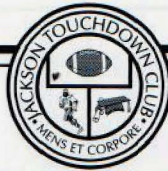
Despite LSU's losing record in 1994, Sue was still honored as the recipient of the Carol Eckman Award which is given to the coach that shows spirit, integrity, and courage in coaching women's college basketball.....Sue's teams had losing records in the 1993-94 (11-16) and 1994-95 (7-20) campaigns. The three year span was tough on Gunter and the Lady Tigers. The 1994-95 squad proved to be a turning point for Gunter's coaching career as she turned up her recruiting magic and promptly signed the best class in school history. That class included future All SEC selections in Elaine Powell, Pietra Gay and Toni Gross and won 46 games over two years which resurrected the LSU women's basketball programSue's 1995-96 Lady Tiger team posted the biggest turnaround in SEC history by racking up a record of 21-11 after going 7-20 the previous season. LSU advanced to the WNIT where The 1996-97 season was perhaps the most rewarding for Gunter in all her years of coaching as she was named SEC Coach of the Year for the first time after leading the Lady Tigers to a 25-5 overall mark and a berth in the

NCAA Tournament's Sweet Sixteen. LSU finished the year ranked No. 9 in the nation in the AP poll. After losing one of the best senior classes in school history, the Lady Tigers advanced to the WNIT semifinals in 1997-98. One of Sue's best seasons may have been 1998-99 when she took a team with only one senior to a 22-8 overall record and a second place finish in the SEC. After being picked to finish 8th in the SEC, the Lady Tigers won a school record 10 league games, and reached the Sweet 16 at the NCAA Tournament. In 2000, Gunter directed the Lady Tigers to a 25-7 mark, including a berth in the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight. The Lady Tigers won a school record 11 SEC games and their 7-1 SEC start was the best ever by an LSU team. Gunter reached another milestone as she posted 600th career victory.

Gunter led LSU to its third consecutive 20 win season and the fifth in the past six years in the 2000-01 season. The Lady Tigers made their third consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament. In the recent 2001-02 season, Coach Gunter had probably one of her greatest coaching achievements in her career.

Forced to limit the length of practices and maximize every break, Sue helped guide a team that had only seven healthy players to their first SEC Tournament Championship game since 1991 and their fourth straight NCAA Tournament. Sue was honored once again as Louisiana Coach of the Year for 2002 by the Louisiana Sportswriters. After the three year hiatus in the mid-1990's, LSU has been to postseason action six consecutive years, including four trips to the NCAA tourney. Her coaching record with the Lady Tigers is 385 wins and only 209 losses.....Sue entered the 2002-03 season, her 39th year overall, among the career leaders in several NCAA coaching categories: seasons coached (No. 1--38 seasons); games coached (No. 2--947 games); wins (No. 4--651 wins); and 20-win seasons (No. 4--21 seasons). Her overall record in coaching women's college basketball is a sparkling 651 wins with 296 losses in 38 seasons. The NCAA does not recognize her two years at Middle Tennessee State or the first four seasons at Stephen F. Austin because of a lack of accurately kept records. Otherwise, another 100 victories would be added to her total, making her second behind Tennessee's Pat Summitt on the division 1 career victories list.

She was enshrined into the second induction class of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on June 10, 2000, in Knoxville, Tennessee. She was inducted into the East Central Community College Hall of Fame in the fall of 2000.



The Gene May Scholarship Fund Presented by the Jackson Touchdown Club

In March 1999, the Jackson Touchdown Club established the Gene May Scholarship Fund in honor of the late Gene May, a Past President and 50 year member of the Club. Mr. May was the founder of May & Company, Inc., a Jackson wholesale appliance parts business.

The Gene May Scholarship Fund assists high school students with college tuition. The fund was named after Mr. May by a unanimous vote of the Jackson Touchdown Club Board of Directors. The Club previously provided scholarship funds to needy students under the name of the first President and founder of the Jackson Touchdown Club, Dr. Lacey Hughes.

Gene May joined the Jackson Touchdown Club in 1948, just two years after the Club was originated by Dr. Hughes and a group of 15 football fans in 1946. Mr. May served the Club in various capacities including the office of President, several other offices, and a longtime member of the Board of Directors. In 1998, Gene received a 50 year membership honor for his dedication to the Jackson Touchdown Club.

A native of Chunky, Mississippi, Gene May was raised in Newton where he graduated from Newton High School. He played college football and baseball at Mississippi College and received his degree in 1935. Upon graduation, he was named district manager for the Shaeffer Pen Company out of Louisville, Kentucky. May was a World War II veteran, having served his country as a Lieutenant in the Navy stationed in Europe. He created his company after receiving his Honorable Discharge.

Gene was a member and Life Deacon of the First Baptist Church, a past president of the Sales Executive Club, a member of the Optimist Club, and he also served the Knife & Fork Club along with the Hinds County Cattleman's Association. Besides attending Jackson Touchdown Club meetings in the fall, Mr. May enjoyed raising cattle and managing the Newman family farm near Raymond.

An avid follower of football, particularly his beloved alma mater at Mississippi College, Gene frequently provided the weekly game report to the club on the Choctaws' football fortunes and he always contributed time and effort to the Jackson Touchdown Club. He rarely missed a meeting in his five decades of membership and always provided tremendous support to the Club's fundraising efforts.

Gene May left this life on January 27, 1999, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife, Polly; two daughters, Lynn Turner of Brussels, Belgium, and Tricia Bradford of Jackson; four grandchildren, Wyatt Hester of Denver, Colorado, Drew Hester of Newport Beach, California, Rob Bradford and Todd Bradford of Jackson; and one great grandchild, Shane Hester of Denver, Colorado.

Donations and recommendations for this fund are always welcome from the general public. For more information about the Gene May Scholarship Fund, contact the Jackson Touchdown Club at P. O. Box 16388, Jackson, MS 39236-6388.



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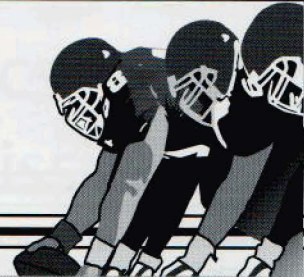
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Kent Hull



All Pro football star from Mississippi State who played in four consecutive Super Bowls with the Buffalo Bills and is considered one of the finest centers in pro football.....James Kent Hull is a native of Pontotoc, where he was born on January 13, 1961, and was raised in Greenwood.....Son of Charlie Hull, who was a forward/center for Mississippi State's three basketball teams that went 56-18 from 1957-60 and won the 1959 SEC title with a 24-1 record and finished ranked 3rd in the AP polls.....Kent grew up in Greenwood working on the family cattle farm.....All Big Eight football and basketball player at Greenwood High.

He followed in his Dad's footsteps by signing to play at Mississippi State, where he arrived as a 17 year old 6-5, 212 pound beanpole in 1979. By the end of his college career, he had reached a sturdy 6-5, 250 pounds.....Injuries on the offensive line pressed Hull into early action for his head coach, Emory Bellard.....Starting State center Bill Bell was sidelined due to a knee injury in an early season game against Memphis and no. 2 center Greg Benefield transferred to a junior college leaving Hull alone at the center position...Helped MSU compile a 25-21 record during his college career. After a stellar freshman season in 1979, Kent was named First Team All SEC Freshman by the *Birmingham Post Herald* & the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* and was chosen 3rd team Freshman All America by *The Sporting News*.....Emerged as one of the premier centers in the SEC during his days at State.....The four year starter wore no. 58 for the Bulldogs and was a quiet, polite, and unassuming player. On the field, he played in a reckless, agile, mobile, and hostile style. In 1980, he was part of the Bulldog team that finished 9-3 and lost to Nebraska 31-17 in the Sun Bowl played in El Paso, TX. Following the season, he was named Second Team All SEC center by the *SEC Sports Journal*.....Played on the 1981 MSU squad that racked up an 8-4 mark and defeated Kansas 10-0 in the Hall of Fame Bowl played in Birmingham, AL, the first time State appeared in back-to-back bowls in school history.....Hull was selected as a Preseason Honorable Mention All American by *GamePlan* magazine in his senior campaign in 1982. He played on the winning team in the Blue-Gray Game in Montgomery, AL, following the season as the Gray



prevailed 20-10.....After receiving his degree in business administration from MSU, Kent was snubbed in the NFL draft in 1983. Instead, he was drafted in the 7th round of the fledgling USFL by the New Jersey Generals.....Hull was one of 17 centers the Generals signed for the first USFL season in 1983.....As Kent describes his pro options at the time: "There's no doubt I owe my career to the USFL. No NFL team would have taken the time to teach me to pass block, to develop these skills. I'd have been cut the first month. My first drill with the Generals was embarrassing. They just blew by me. But they stuck with me and I learned.".....Hull blocked for QB Doug Flutie and RBs Herschel Walker and Maurice Carthon for the Generals.....Kent's stock as a pro center jumped rapidly after the Generals acquired Walker and New Jersey needed an experienced run blocker.....After an inaugural 6-12 season in 1983, New Jersey made the playoffs in 1984 with a sparkling 14-4 record, but lost to the Philadelphia Stars by a 28-7 score in the postseason. The Generals finished 11-7 in 1985 and lost to the Baltimore Stars 20-17 in the USFL playoffs.....When the USFL disbanded due to the

Kent Hull

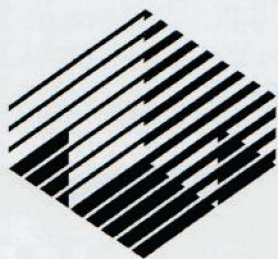
loss of a federal anti-trust case against the NFL, Kent signed with the Buffalo Bills in the middle of training camp after receiving free agent offers from 9 NFL teams.....Hull moved into the starting lineup for the Bills at center for the 3rd preseason game in 1986. Jokingly, Kent says that he followed QB Jim Kelly's motorcade into the Bills camp after Kelly arrived from the USFL's Houston Gamblers.....Hull wore no. 67 for the Bills. In 1988, he was elected to the Pro Bowl as a reserve center, the first time a Buffalo offensive lineman was so honored since Joe DeLamielleure in 1979. He was also named to the First Team UPI All AFC squad and on the Second Team of the AP All Pro unit.....In 1989 he was selected to the UPI All AFC squad, College and Pro Football Newsweekly All Pro team, *The Sporting News* NFL All Pro team, Pro Football Weekly's All Pro team, and AP's All Pro second team.....He had another outstanding season in 1990. He was named to the All Pro First Teams by AP, PFWA, Pro Football Weekly, The Sporting News, NEA, College and Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, and *Sports Illustrated's* Dr. Z. He was also picked to the All AFC First Team by UPI and Football News.

In 1991, he gathered more honors such as AP All Pro first team, Pro Football Writers of American All Pro, *Sports Illustrated* Dr. Z's All Pro team, UPI All AFC, and Football News AFC All Pro team. On December 22, 1991, he started his 92nd consecutive game against Detroit. He was named Man of the Year by the Buffalo Quarterback Club after his outstanding year.....He started every game for the Bills for the 7th consecutive season in 1992 even though he was plagued with a hamstring pull in the middle of the campaign. He started his 100th consecutive regular season game against New England on November 1, 1992.....Prior to training camp in 1993, he underwent arthroscopic knee surgery and saw his first action in the only game he played in, but did not start, against Miami on September 26. In missing the first game, he snapped his 108 game consecutive starting streak. Following the season, he received the Ed Block Courage Award by the Bills for his superb comeback.....He was picked as offensive co-captain for his fifth consecutive season in 1994. He led the way for the OL and was awarded a game ball for his play at Houston on September 18.....In 1995, he was once again a leader for not only the offensive line but for the entire team as he was chosen as offensive co-

captain for his sixth consecutive season. He was named to the UPI All AFC second team as he was the season opening center for the Bills for the 9th time in 10 seasons. He opened holes for 341 yards rushing, the second highest total in NFL postseason history against Miami in a 37-22 wildcard playoff game.....Knee injuries slowed Hull down during the late stages of his career..

In his final season of 1996, Kent was the senior member of the offensive line and team captain. In an emotional press conference just two days after the loss to the Jaguars, Kent retired in late December, 1996. QB Jim Kelly and RB Thurman Thomas attempted to dissuade Kent from leaving the game for another run at the Super Bowl. As Kelly commented: "He's a guy that if I ever wind up having a boy, I'd hope he would grow up to be just like Kent Hull. He's a family guy and a person I love very much. I'm going to miss him." During his pro football career, Hull appeared in 3 consecutive Pro Bowls in 1989, 1990, and 1991. He finished his career with 189 games played, fifth on the Bills all-time list.....Hull started in 19 playoff games including the greatest comeback in NFL history which was the famed 1992 Wild Card playoff game against the Houston Oilers that the Bills won in overtime by a 41-38 score after falling behind early 35-3.....Kent played in four consecutive Super Bowls: Super Bowl XXV (20-19 loss to the New York Giants in Tampa); Super Bowl XXVI (a 37-17 loss to the Washington Redskins in Minneapolis); Super Bowl XXVII (a 52-17 loss to the Dallas Cowboys in Pasadena); and Super Bowl XXVIII (a 30-13 loss to the Dallas Cowboys in Atlanta).....Hull refuses to watch a replay of the painful 20-19 loss to the Giants when Scott Norwood's game winning field goal sailed wide.....Off the field, Kent served as honorary chairman of the Western New York chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He was a founding member of the Buffalo-area chapter and hosted a celebrity auction which raised more than \$10,000 for the charity. For his charitable efforts, Hull was nominated for the 1993 Edge NFL Man of the Year award. Kent was named Unsung Hero 1996 by the Monday Quarterback Club of Buffalo. Kent owns and operates a cattle farm near his hometown of Greenwood with his wife, Kay, and his son Drew, and daughter Ellen...In 2000, Kent received double honors as he was inducted into the Mississippi State Athletic Hall of Fame and was chosen as an SEC Football Legend.

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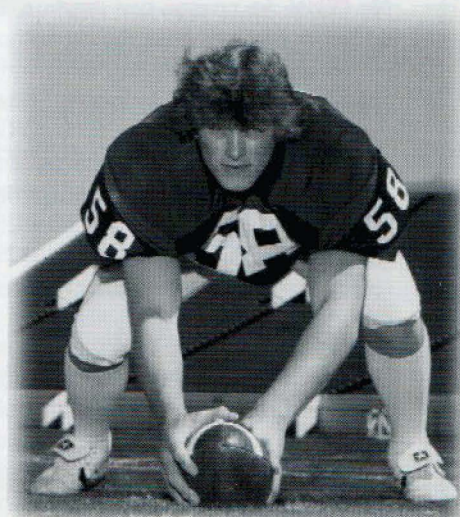
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KENT HULL

Football • 1979-82

- Four-year starter at center for the Bulldogs
- Helped lead MSU to back-to-back bowl appearances in 1980 & 1981
 - Also participated in the 1982 Blue-Gray All-Star Classic
- Eleven-year star for the NFL's Buffalo Bills (team captain seven years)
 - Three-time (1989, 1990 & 1991) all-pro with the Bills
 - Played in four consecutive Super Bowls (XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII)
 - The 19th player ever to be honored on the Bills' "Wall of Fame"





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The University of Southern Mississippi Department of Athletics and the M-Club Alumni Association would like to recognize James Ray Carpenter and Bob Stevens as 2003 Golden Eagle inductees into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Inductees, as well as all the Golden Eagle members of the Hall of Fame.



James Ray Carpenter

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 Nollie C. "Papa" Felts, Football (1967)
 Lee Floyd, Coach (1991)
 Reed Green, Coach/ Athletic Director (1966)
 Ray Guy, Football (1994)
 M. C. "Tuffy" Johnson, Swimming (1978)



Bob Stevens

Wendell Ladner, Basketball (1988)
 William M. "Bucky" McElroy, Football (1981)
 Hugh Laurin "Pep" Pepper, Baseball (1977)
 J.M. "Bubba" Phillips, Multiple Sports (1972)
 Joseph Asbury "Joe" Renfroe, Football (1982)
 Nicholas "Nick" Revon, Basketball (1985)
 George Sekul, Football (2002)
Bob Stevens, Football (2003)
 Clyde "Heifer" Stuart, Coach (1968)
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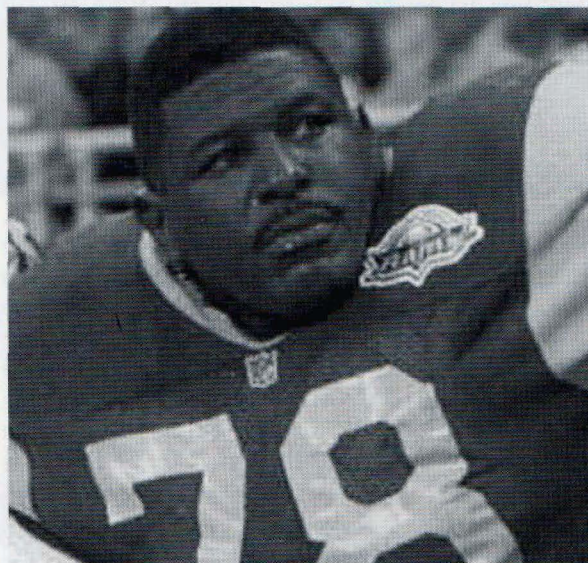
Jackie Slater



Durable All Pro offensive lineman for the Los Angeles Rams who is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and was an All America player at Jackson State.....His full name is Jackie Ray Slater. He hails from Jackson where he was born on May 27, 1954.....He attended Blackburn Junior High where he was coached by Wilfret "Ol Man" Anderson. He played football, basketball, and participated in track at Jim Hill High before being transferred due to integration rezoning to Wingfield High.

Slater was an all star offensive lineman for Jackson State from 1972-75 and helped the Tigers compile a record of 31-11..... Coached by Robert Hill and Melvin Peete at JSU.....Played with a host of Tigers who were selected in NFL drafts spanning 1973-76 including Leon Gray, Don Reese, Roscoe Word, John Tate, Walter Payton, Robert Brazile, Charles James, Rockey Young, and Joe Lowery.....Wore no. 79 for the Tigers.....He paved the way for fellow MSHOF member Walter Payton for three seasons at 6-4, 277. Payton told *Sports Illustrated* that of all the athletes he played with or against, Slater would be the one of the first three chosen if he were starting a team.....In his senior season of 1975, Jackie was named First Team All America by the *Pittsburgh Courier*.....Slater played in the 1976 Chicago All Star game which featured the defending NFL Champion Pittsburgh Steelers against a team of college all star players. The Steelers beat the All Stars 24-0 in the final game of this series.

He was selected in the third round of the 1976 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams, the 82nd pick overall. He played his entire career with the Rams from 1976-1995, a span of 20 seasons. Jackie was named All Pro on five occasions and played in 7 Pro Bowls.....Slater played for 5 head coaches and saw 4 franchises relocate, including his Rams who shifted to St. Louis at the end of his career.....Jackie gained super experience as he lined up against Hall of Fame Ram defensive lineman Merlin Olsen.....He played at 6-4, 277, and wore no. 78 with the Rams.....He appeared in 14 games and both playoff games at both tackle positions and on special teams in his rookie season of 1976 as he backed up Doug France and John Williams.....He earned his first career start in the 1977 season opener against Atlanta in place of France, who had injured his knee.....In 1978, he backed up France and played on special teams in 16 regular season and one



postseason game.....1979 was Jackie's first season as full-time starter at right tackle and he was one of only two offensive linemen (Rich Saul) to start all 16 games. He played in Super Bowl XIV, a 31-19 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Rose Bowl.....Slater started 15 regular season and one playoff game in 1980 as he was part of an offensive line that surrendered only 29 QB sacks. In the 1981 season, he started the first eight games at right tackle, then shifted for 3 contests to left tackle to replace Doug France and Irv Pankey, who were injured. Jackie then suffered a hamstring injury and did not play the rest of the season.....He started 9 games in the strike shortened season of 1982. He received long overdue recognition in 1983 when he was selected to his first Pro Bowl. He started 16 regular season and two playoff games and was named UPI All NFC.

Slater became a powerful drive blocker under a new offensive system that saw Rams QBs sacked the fewest times (23) in the league and the line helped Eric Dickerson set rushing records and win the NFL rushing title. He had a breakthrough game against NFL sack leader Mark Gastineau when he kept the Jets lineman from making a single sack....In 1984, he opened holes for Eric Dickerson to lead the NFL in rushing. Jackie, however, suffered a season ending knee injury against New Orleans in week 7 and was placed on injured reserve for the remaining 9 games.....Slater made an All Pro comeback from the injury in 1985 as he started 16 regular season

Jackie Slater

and 2 playoff games. He returned to the Pro Bowl and was named All NFC by Football News, AP All NFL Honorable Mention, and UPI All NFC second team.....He earned his second consecutive Pro Bowl appearance in 1986 as he started all 16 games and one playoff game. Slater was named All NFL by both Pro Football Weekly and Football News, UPI All NFC, and AP All NFC Second team. In addition to these accolades, he was selected *USA Today* NFL Offensive Lineman of the Year.....In 1987, Jackie started 12 games earned his third consecutive trip to the Pro Bowl. He was selected NFC Offensive Lineman of the Year by NFLPA and *USA Today*. He was also named All NFC by UPI, AP All Pro second team, and All NFC by Pro Football Weekly.....He traveled to Honolulu for the fourth straight time after the 1988 season as he started 16 more regular season games and 1 playoff contest. He was named to Pro Football Weekly's All Pro team, the AP All Pro team Honorable Mention, and the UPI All NFC second team.

Slater had another banner year in 1989 as he was named Offensive Lineman of the Year by *USA Today* for the third time. He was one of three offensive captains for the Rams that season. Jackie started 16 regular season and 3 playoff games and was picked to play in his fifth straight Pro Bowl, 6 in the last 7 years. He was named UPI All NFC and AP All Pro second team and was also honored as All Pro First team by College and Pro Football Newsweekly and Pro Football Weekly All NFC.....A dislocated right toe suffered in the Rams final preseason game against Washington in 1990 caused Jackie to miss his first start in 42 games in the season opener against Green Bay. He recovered quickly enough to play in 15 games and became the fourth player in Rams history to play 15 seasons. Slater also set the team record for most games played in a career with 209 and was picked once again to play in his sixth consecutive Pro Bowl, his 7th in eight seasons. He was named to the All Madden Team and the UPI All NFC second team.....A shoulder sprain caused him to miss 3 games in 1991, but he still managed to become the only Ram to play 16 seasons.....In 1992, Jackie was named the Rams MVP and became only the 10th player in NFL history to play 17 seasons. Slater set the NFL record for games played by an offensive lineman in 1993 against San Francisco. He also became the only player in Ram history to play 18 seasons, the fifth player in NFL history to play at least 18 seasons with one team.....The 1994 season for Jackie was a roller coaster ride of history and

injury. He played in 12 games and moved from 6th to 4th on the NFL list of most games played, increasing his total to 258 games. He tied Jim Marshall of Minnesota for most seasons in the league with one team at 19. Jackie started the first six games of the season before suffering a left tricep injury on the next to last play of a game at Green Bay. He played his 250th NFL game, which tied him for 5th on games played, against Kansas City and held star Chief lineman Neil Smith sackless.....He returned to action two games later, but was relegated to special teams. Slater then moved past QB Earl Morrall for fourth on the all-time list of games played in week 13 at San Diego. In 1995, after the Rams completed their move to St. Louis, Jackie started and played against Carolina to become the first player in NFL history to play 20 seasons with one team.....Slater protected some of the biggest names in pro football including Payton and Eric Dickerson, both of whom are inducted with Jackie in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

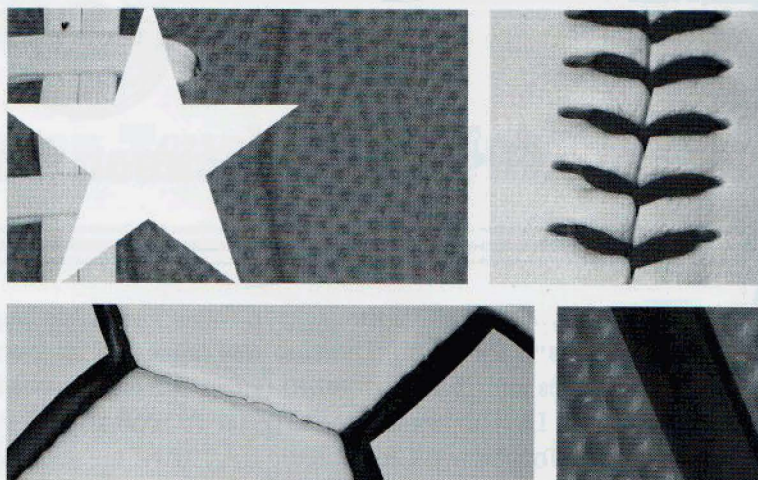
He has blocked in 107 different 100-yard rushing games and 27 different 300-yard passing games. Jackie has cleared the way for seven different 1,000-yard rushers: Lawrence McCutcheon (1976-77), Wendell Tyler (1979-81), Eric Dickerson (1983-86), Charles White (1987), Greg Bell (1988-89), Cleveland Gary (1992), and Jerome Bettis (1993-94). He has blocked for 23 different quarterbacks and 36 different running backs.....His greatest performance on the field may have happened in a 1983 regular season game against the Philadelphia Eagles, when Jackie dominated and whipped All Pro Reggie White. He played in 259 games, a team record, starting 214 of those contests.....Jackie appeared in more playoff games (18) than any other Ram....When he retired, Slater was fourth on the NFL's all-time participation chart behind only Jan Stenerud (263), Jim Marshall (282), and timeless George Blanda (340). He broke Marshall's NFL mark for most NFL seasons with one club at 20.....By comparison, the average NFL career only lasts about 4 years.

Upon retirement, Jackie entered the broadcast booth when he joined ESPN as a football analyst in 1996.....Slater was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 2001. Jackie was presented at the Canton, Ohio, Hall of Fame ceremonies by his former Rams coach, John Robinson.. Enshrined in the Jackson State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.....Resides in Orange, California.

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History of Jackson Touchdown Club

For over half a century, the Jackson Touchdown Club has shined as one of the most prestigious athletic organizations in the South. The club was organized in downtown Jackson in November, 1946, when Dr. Lacey Hughes and 15 other football fans gathered together to commemorate the sport of football. By the end of 1946, Dr. Hughes and the original 15 football fans recruited a large number of new members. As the Jackson Touchdown Club entered the 1950's, the group quickly established itself as one of the largest sports clubs in America.

The Jackson Touchdown Club has undertaken a number of worthy projects during its history. From 1952 to 1993, the Jackson Touchdown Club operated the Mississippi High School All Star Football Game. Using a scholarship fund named after the club founder and first president, the members raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide assistance to students seeking to enroll in Mississippi colleges and universities. In 1960-61, three Jackson Touchdown Club members—Jimmie "Mississippi Red" McDowell, "Farmer" Jim Neal, and "Pop" Allen combined forces to create the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. The MSHOF is the permanent project of the Jackson Touchdown Club and the club hosts the annual induction banquet each spring.

Today, the Jackson Touchdown Club continues its efforts to provide "football, fellowship, and fun" to its members and the metro Jackson area. Club membership is comprised of football fans representing many different colleges, universities, high schools, and professional affiliations. The only criteria for membership is to be a fan of the sport of football.

On fall Mondays beginning the Monday after Labor Day through the first Monday in December, the Jackson Touchdown Club presents a fabulous array of athletic speakers at the club meetings. The Club annually and traditionally invites the "Big Three" head football coaches at Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and Southern Mississippi to speak to the members of the club. Appearances are also made by the head football coaches of Mississippi College, Jackson State, Belhaven, Millsaps, Mississippi Valley State, Delta State, and Alcorn State.

High School and community college coaches address the club on a regular basis. Nationally recognized athletic speakers are also featured by the club and a High School Player of the Week is also honored at each meeting. The final meeting of the season is Seniors Night, an awards presentation to the outstanding seniors of all Mississippi collegiate football programs as selected by their teams' coaching staffs.

The following is a partial list of speakers that have appeared in the past several years at Jackson Touchdown Club meetings.

Tony Barnhart	ESPN, Atlanta <i>Journal Constitution</i>
Terry Bowden	ABC TV Analyst, former Auburn Coach
Jeff Bower	Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles Head Coach
Debbie Bower	Wife of USM coach Jeff Bower
Herman Boone	Coach, inspired "Remember the Titans"
Tim Brando	CBS college football host
Steve Campbell	Former Delta State Head Coach
John Cox	Voice of the USM Golden Eagles
Jack Cristl	Voice of the Mississippi State Bulldogs
Forrest Davis	Recruiting analyst
Len Dawson	HBO host/Hall of Fame QB - K. C. Chiefs
Joe Dean	LSU Tigers Athletic Director
Tom Dempsey	Former kicker, New Orleans Saints
Conrad Dobler	Former lineman, N.O. Saints & Cardinals



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Barbara Dooley	Wife of Georgia A. D. Vince Dooley
Mike DuBose	Alabama Crimson Tide Head Coach
Pat Dye	Former coach at Auburn
Peter Finney	Sportswriter, <i>N.O. Times Picayune</i>
Danny Ford	Former coach at Clemson & Arkansas
Mary Foster	New Orleans <i>Associated Press</i> writer
Ron Franklin	ESPN play by play announcer
Richard Giannini	Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles Athletic Director
Jake Gibbs	Former Ole Miss QB, N.Y. Yankees catcher
Mike Gottfried	ESPN color analyst
John Grisham	Author, Mississippi State graduate
Sue Gunter	LSU Lady Tigers Basketball Coach
Jim Henderson	New Orleans Saints broadcaster
Mickey Holmes	Former Sugar Bowl Executive Director
Paul Hoolahan	Sugar Bowl Executive Director
Scott Hunter	Former Alabama QB, TV reporter
Robert Hughes	Jackson State Tigers Head Coach
Samye Johnson	MSHOF member, MUW & MSU
LaTraia Jones	Mississippi Valley State head coach
Norm Joseph	Belhaven Blazers Head Coach
Ron Jurney	Millsaps Majors Athletic Director
David Kellum	Voice of the Ole Miss Rebels
Bill King	WLAC radio host / recruiting analyst
Jerry Kramer	Green Bay Packer guard/author
Roy Kramer	SEC Commissioner
Butch Lambert, Sr.	SEC Official
Earl Leggett	Former LSU, Hinds CC, NFL lineman
D. D. Lewis	Hall of Fame linebacker, MSU & Dallas
Archie Manning	Former Ole Miss & New Orleans Saints quarterback
Bill McClellan	Former A.D. of USM Golden Eagles
Charley McClendon	Former coach of LSU
Terry McMillan	Coach & A. D., Mississippi College
Dot Murphy	Hinds Community College assistant coach
Ray Perkins	Former Alabama & NFL coach
Robin Roberts	ESPN/ABC - Pass Christian, MS native
Eddie Robinson	Former coach at Grambling
Pepper Rogers	Memphis sports promoter, former coach
Dave Rowe	Jefferson Pilot TV color analyst
John Shafer	Ole Miss Rebels Athletic Director
Danny Sheridan	Football Analyst, <i>USA Today</i>
Jackie Sherrill	Mississippi State Bulldogs Head Coach
Peggy Sherrill	Wife of MSU coach Jackie Sherrill
Chet Simmons	NBC, ESPN producer
Kenny Stabler	Former Alabama, Oakland Raiders QB
Larry Templeton	Mississippi State Bulldog Athletic Director
Johnny Thomas	Alcorn State Head Coach
Eric Tillman	General Manager, CFL, Senior Bowl
Bob Tyler	Former MSU, Millsaps Majors Head Coach
Alf Van Hoose	Sports Editor of <i>Birmingham News</i>
Sparky Woods	Former Mississippi State Assistant



INDUCTION CLASSES BY YEAR

- 1961 Goat Hale, Bruiser Kinard, Dudy Noble, Stanley Robinson
- 1962/63 Hugh Critz, Bonnie Lee "Country" Graham, Eric McNair, Shorty McWilliams, Don Scott
- 1964 Jess Fatheree, Boo Ferris, Ike Knox, Claude Passeau, Buster Poole
- 1965 Tranny Lee Gaddy, Dick Hitt, Bucky Moore, Barney Poole, Billy Sam
- 1966 Charlie Conerly, Jim Edwards, Gatch Gatchell, Reed Green, Willie Mitchell
- 1967 Papa Felts, Junie Hovious, Hook Stone, Sam Vick, Spec Wilson
- 1968 Slew Hester, Sam Leslie, Ray Poole, William Spencer, Clyde "Heifer" Stuart
- 1969 Jim Baxter, Andy Reese, Tad Smith, Gee Walker, Pat Wilson
- 1970 Ju Burghard, Parker Hall, Dobie Holden, Doug Kenna, Paul Wells
- 1971 Blackie Blacklidge, Kayo Dottley, Buddy Myer, Pie Vann, Fred Walters
- 1972 Windy Crawford, Joel Hitt, Jackie Parker, Jimmy Patton, Bubba Phillips
- 1973 Guy Bush, Gene Chadwick, Dave McIntosh, Walter Sullivan
- 1974 Mickey Bellande, Hal Lee, Babe McCarthy, Johnny Montgomery, Margaret Wade
- 1975 Calvin Barbour, Popeye Craft, Buddy Elrod, Mary Agnes Fitz-hugh, Chuck Thomas
- 1976 Charles Armstrong, Blondy Black, Ralph Boston, Jake Gibbs, Johnny Vaught
- 1977 Dobie Bartling, Kline Gilbert, Bailey Howell, Allyn McKeen, Hugh Laurin Pepper
- 1978 Bonner Arnold, Joe Fortunato, Tuffy Johnson, Tom Swayze, Skeeter Webb
- 1979 Joe Gibbon, Gene Hickerson, Willie Richardson, Bill Stacy, Charlie Ward
- 1980 Don Blasingame, Harper Davis, Larry Grantham, Dorothy Vest
- 1981 Art Davis, Eagle Day, Bucky McElroy, B. O. Van Hook, Willye White
- 1982 Denver Brackeen, Tom Goode, Paul Gregory, Joe Renfroe, Tom Sawyer
- 1983 Jim Ashmore, Jim Davenport, George Morris, George Pillow, Hunter Weddington
- 1984 Donnie Kessinger, Tom Neville, Riley Smith, Jack Spinks, Bull Sullivan
- 1985 Bobby Brien, Charlie Flowers, Carla Lowry, Abe Mickal, Nick Revon
- 1986 Johnny Baker, Lem Barney, Wobble Davidson, Doss Fulton, P. W. "Bear" Underwood
- 1987 Billy Ray Adams, Buck Cameron, Smylie Gebhart, D. D. Lewis, Mary Mills
- 1988 Lance Alworth, Leon Bramlett, Stan Hindman, Wendell Ladner, Jack Nix
- 1989 Hunter Corhern, Harold Jackson, Carl Maddox, Archie Manning
- 1990 Dizzy Dean, Jim Dunaway, Lusia Harris Stewart, Red Stroud, Pete Taylor
- 1991 Jack Cristil, Lee Floyd, Slat's Hardin, Jimmy Lear, Lester Sack, Dave Whitney
- 1992/93 Doug Elmore, Marion Henley, Walter Payton, Johnny Pott, Scott Suber, Carl Walters
- 1994 Pop Allen, Doc Blanchard, Marino Casem, Bobby Crespino, Ray Guy, Bob Hartley
- 1995 Cool Papa Bell, Willie Brown, Roland Dale, Doug Hutton, Freddie Little, Crawford Mims
- 1996 Hamp Cook, L. C. Greenwood, Sylvia Howell Krebbs, Cary Middlecoff, Bilbo "Mule" Monaghan
Billy Shaw
- 1997 Ode Burrell, Roy Cochran, W. C. Gorden, Mike Taylor, Del Unser, Ben Williams
- 1998 Ace Cleveland, Peggie Gillom, Ray Perkins, Ron Polk, Leroy Terry "L.T." Smith, Sammy Winder
- 1999 Mack Cameron, Bert Jenkins, James Harol Lofton, Jimmie "Mississippi Red" McDowell,
Dot Easterwood Murphy, Walter Reed
- 2000 Bobby Collins, Jack Gregory, Robert Khayat, Butch Lambert, Sr., Eddie Merrins, Purvis Short
- 2001 Bernard Blackwell, Jackson Brumfield, Orsmond Jordan, Ken Lindsay, Larry Myricks,
Marvin Terrell
- 2002 Verlon Biggs, T.B. Ellis, Jr., Glynn Griffing, Carolyn Henry, Samye Johnson, Earl Leggett,
George Sekul, Ralph "Catfish" Smith
- 2003 Warner Alford, James Ray Carpenter, Bill Foster, Mildrette Netter Graves, Sue Gunter, Kent Hull,
Jackie Slater, Bob Stevens



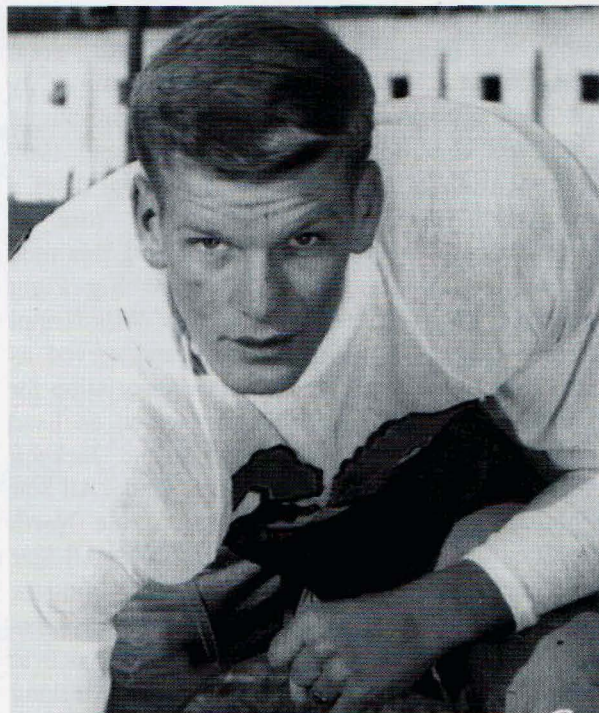
Bob Stevens

Hall of Fame high school coach who played football at Southern Miss and was once considered one of the top handball players in the region.....Born in McComb on January 19, 1927, his full name is Robert Ernest Stevens.....Bob was raised in Hazlehurst and was a four sport letterman at Hazlehurst High.

After he graduated high school in 1944, he received an athletic scholarship to play football at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. He was an All State performer playing both ways at end. He was promptly selected as President of the Freshman class at Co-Lin....Following his first season of JUCO football, Coach Stevens entered military service by joining the Navy where he was a combat air crewman during World War II.....He returned to Co-Lin in 1946 after his military service and once again made the All State JUCO squad.....Thanks to his JUCO performance, Bob received an athletic scholarship to attend Southern Mississippi, where he played offensive and defensive tackle for the Southerners. He was coached by MSHOF member Reed Green and was a member of Southern Miss teams in 1947 and 1948 that racked up 14 wins and only 6 losses.

Stevens was an explosive player who loved the collisions and the pressure and enjoyed the level of competition. The 1947 Southern Miss team posted a 7-3 record that included the school's first ever win over Auburn at Montgomery by a 19-13 score. Stevens was one the key blockers up front for backs like Bubba Phillips, Benny Ray Nobles, and Don Winstead.....Although the 1947 team was not explosive on offense, Bob played a key role on the defensive line where the team recorded three shutouts and held three other opponents to seven points or less....

Stevens came into his own in 1948, when he was a regular on the offensive and defensive lines and helped lead the team to a second straight 7-3 mark. Two of the three losses that season were to Alabama and Auburn and the offense clicked, scoring 55 points in one game plus 47 and 38 in two other contests. The smallest margin of victory for the 1948 team was 14 points. The offensive line was anchored by Stevens, who blocked alongside Southern Miss



Hall of Famers Red Mangum, Phil Musmeci, and Reese Snell. On defense, Stevens was a dominant force who had more than his share of tackles for losses and quarterback sacks. Bob began his sterling coaching career in 1949 after college graduation as he landed a position as head football coach at Pass Christian High. After one season on the Coast, he moved further inland to Meadville, where he was head football coach for five seasons at Meadville High..

Coach Stevens moved to Central High School in Jackson, one of the largest high schools in the state. He remained at Central for the next 15 years where he served as head football coach from 1960 to 1971 and as head basketball coach from 1955 to 1960.....In his short basketball coaching career at Central, the Tigers won the acclaimed City of Jackson Championship three times (1955-56, 1958-59, and 1959-60), the North Big Eight title twice (1957-58 and 1959-60), and the Overall Big Eight basketball crown in 1959-60.....Bob's true coaching reputation was on the gridiron as he took squads of fewer numbers, smaller size, and less talent and molded them into fiery, competitive teams in the largest conference in the state. He spent hours watching

Bob Stevens

films of his opponents and he could virtually call all of the opposition's plays at the end of a film session. Bob was an innovative coach with great imagination.....His Central football teams won a City of Jackson co-championship in 1962 and captured the 1965 Hub Bowl crown. The 1968 and 1969 Central gridiron squads won the Mississippi Bowl, a postseason event..... Coach Stevens rose in prominence in the coaching ranks during this time period at Central as he was named Big Eight Football Coach of the Year by the Mississippi Sportswriters Association in 1961 and served as President of the Big Eight Coaches Association for the 1961-62 term.....In 1966, he served as head coach of the North All Stars in the Jackson Touchdown Club's Mississippi High School All Star Football game. Under his direction, the North defeated the South by a 22-7 score. Bob's All Star staff included assistants Bob Tyler, Wally Bumpas, and Richard Thorne, all noted high school mentors.

In 1971, Bob arrived as head football coach at Murrah High School. He promptly led the Mustang football team to another Mississippi Bowl victory. He coached the 1972 and 1973 Murrah teams to City of Jackson titles and appearances in the Capitol Bowl. The 1973 Mustang team set a school scoring record that still stands.....Overall, his football teams out of 223 games played compiled a record of 141-73-9 for a winning percentage of 63%.....Bob's greatest athletic accomplishments, however, did not involve football or coaching, but his incredible skills in handball. He has over 40 years of experience in playing the sport.

Starting in 1958, Coach Stevens was the No. 1 ranked handball player in the state and remained at that status through the early 1970's. Bob's handball feats followed up those of MSHOF member Doug Kenna, who is considered one of the first top players in the sport in Mississippi. For 21 years, Coach Stevens served as tournament chairman for the state and Magnolia Tournaments and he competed on the handball court at the highest regional and national levels.....From 1961 to 1970, Bob was the Mississippi State closed singles champion six out of ten years. He was Mississippi State closed doubles champ eight times out of a decade that spanned from 1961-1970.....Coach Stevens was also Masters

Double Champion of the Magnolia Open five times between 1971 and 1978. During the same time period, he was Masters Double Champion in a host of southern cities including Ocean Springs, Mobile, New Orleans, Shreveport, Lafayette, LA, Baton Rouge, Birmingham, Montgomery, Panama City, Columbia, SC, and Houston.....In 1979, Bob was the Southeastern Masters Doubles Champion in Columbia, SC. In the 1980 Southwest Invitational Tournament in Houston, TX, he claimed 1st place in the Golden Masters Doubles and 2nd place in the Masters Doubles.....Between 1981 and 1989, Bob was Masters Doubles Champion five times in the Tiger Open at Baton Rouge, LA.....He taught handball classes at the YMCA from 1961-68 and conducted handball clinics at Ole Miss in 1970 and at Mississippi State at the Willie Daniels Sports Club in Starkville in 1975.....Bob has been an asset to the coaching profession and lectured at football clinics at Biloxi and Jackson State.....Coach Stevens retired from coaching after his final year at Murrah and entered the food and beverage business as owner and manager of the Sandwich Board, Inc., from 1976-1989. He was concession manager of the Jackson Public Schools from 1977-78. From 1989 to present, Bob has owned and operated the YMCA snack shop in Jackson where all of his patrons call him "coach" affectionately.

He was a member of the board of directors for YMCA from 1964-66 and he has been an active member of the Jackson Touchdown Club for over four decades.....Bob is a staunch supporter of his alma mater at Southern Miss and has served in numerous capacities with the alumni and M clubs. He is a loyal member of the USM Alumni Association and Eagle Club.....Coach Stevens received the All American Football Foundation's Pioneer Unsung Hero Award in 2000.....He received a Special Recognition award in connection with the Southern Mississippi All Century team in 2001.....Bob's induction into the MSHOF will mark his fourth athletic hall of fame membership.

He was enshrined into the Southern Mississippi Athletic Hall of Fame on April 25, 1987, and was inducted in 1995 into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame and the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Hall of Fame.



Membership Listing By Sports

Sports Administration:

(Athletic Directors, Sports Administrators,
Facility & Association Directors)

Pop Allen	1994
Bernard Blackwell	2001
Roland Dale	1995
T.B. Ellis, Jr	2002
Doss Fulton	1986
Reed Green	1966
Dick Hitt	1965
Carl Maddox	1989
Dudy Noble	1961
Walter Reed	1999
Tad Smith	1969

Baseball:

(Players & Baseball Coaches)

Cool Papa Bell	1995
Don Blasingame	1980
Guy Bush	1973
Harry Craft	1975
Hugh Critz	1963
Jim Davenport	1983
Dizzy Dean	1990
Jim Edwards	1966
Boo Ferriss	1964
Bill Foster	2003
Paul Gregory	1982
Donnie Kessinger	1984
Hal Lee	1974
Sam Leslie	1968
Eric McNair	1963
Willie Mitchell	1966
Buddy Myer	1971
Claude Passeau	1964
Ron Polk	1998
Andy Reese	1969
Tom Swayze	1978
Pete Taylor	1990
Del Unser	1997
Sam Vick	1967
Gerald Walker	1969
Skeeter Webb	1978

Basketball:

(Players & Basketball Coaches)

Bonner Arnold	1978
James Ashmore	1983
Thurman Blackledge	1971
Denver Brackeen	1982
Lee Floyd	1991
Joe Gibbon	1979
Peggie Gillom	1998
Bonnie Graham	1963
Sue Gunter	2003
Bailey Howell	1977
Doug Hutton	1995
Sylvia Howell Krebbs	1996
Wendell Ladner	1988
Carla Lowry	1985
Babe McCarthy	1974
Dot Easterwood Murphy	1999
Nick Revon	1985
Purvis Short	2000
Lusia Harris Stewart	1990
Red Stroud	1990
Margaret Wade	1974
Charlie Ward	1979
Davey Whitney, Jr	1991

Boxing:

Freddie Little	1995
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Football:

(Players & Football Coaches)

Billy Ray Adams	1987
Warner Alford	2003
Lance Alworth	1988
Johnny Baker	1986
Lem Barney	1986
Doby Bartling	1977
James Baxter	1969
Verlon Biggs	2002
Blondy Black	1976
Doc Blanchard	1994
Leon Bramlett	1988

Football continued:

Willie Brown	1995
Jackson Brumfield	2001
Ode Burrell	1997
Marino Casem	1994
Gene Chadwick	1973
Bobby Collins	2000
Charlie Conerly	1966
Hamp Cook	1997
Hunter Cohern	1989
Bobby Crespino	1994
Harper Davis	1980
Art Davis	1981
Eagle Day	1981
Kayo Dottley	1971
Jim Dunaway	1990
Doug Elmore	1993
Buddy Elrod	1975
Nollie Felts	1967
Charlie Flowers	1985
Joe Fortunato	1978
Smylie Gebhart	1987
Kline Gilbert	1977
Tom Goode	1990
W. C. Gorden	1997
Larry Grantham	1980
L. C. Greenwood	1996
Jack Gregory	2000
Glynn Griffing	2002
Ray Guy	1994
Parker Hall	1970
Marion Henley	1993
Gene Hickerson	1979
Stan Hindman	1988
Joel Hitt	1972
Dobie Holden	1970
Junie Hovious	1967
Kent Hull	2003
Harold Jackson	1989
Doug Kenna, Jr	1970
Robert Khayat	2000



Football continued:

Bruiser Kinard	1964
Ike Knox	1964
Jimmy Lear	1991
Earl Leggett	2002
D. D. Lewis	1987
James Harol Lofton	1999
Archie Manning	1989
Bucky McElroy	1981
David McIntosh	1973
Allyn McKeen	1977
Shorty McWilliams	1963
Abe Mickal	1985
Crawford Mims	1995
Bilbo Monaghan	1996
Bucky Moore	1965
George Morris	1983
Thomas Neville, Jr	1984
Jack Nix	1988
Jackie Parker	1972
Jimmy Patton	1972
Walter Payton	1993
Hugh Pepper	1977
Ray Perkins	1998
Bubba Phillips	1972
George Pillow	1983
Barney Poole	1965
Buster Poole	1964
Ray Poole	1968
Joe Renfroe	1982
Willie Richardson	1979
Stanley Robinson	1961
Billy Sam	1965
George Sekul	2002
Billy Shaw	1996
Jackie Slater	2003
Ralph Catfish Smith	2002
Riley Smith	1984
Jack Spinks	1984
Billy Stacy	1979
Hook Stone	1972
Scott Suber	1993
Polie Sullivan	1973
Bull Sullivan	1984
Marvin Terrell	2001
Chuck Thomas	1975
P.W. Bear Underwood	1986
Thad Pie Vann	1971
Johnny Vaught	1976

Pat Wilson	1969
Sammy Winder	1998

Golf:

(Players & Golf Coaches)

Mickey Bellande	1974
James Ray Carpenter	2003
Agnes Fitz-hugh	1975
Ken Lindsay	2001
Eddie Merrins	2000
Cary Middlecoff	1996
Mary Mills	1987
Johnny Pott	1993
Mike Taylor	1997
H. G. Weddington	1983
Spec Wilson	1967

Sports Media:

(Sportswriters & Sportscasters)

Ace Cleveland	1998
Jack Cristil	1991
Bob Hartley	1994
Jimmie McDowell	1999
Carl Walters, Sr	1993

Multi-Sports:

(Athletes who played or coached several different sports)

Charles Armstrong	1976
Calvin Barbour	1983
Buck Cameron	1987
A. G. Crawford	1972
Jess Fatheree	1964
Tranny Gaddy	1965
Jake Gibbs	1976
Goat Hale	1961
John Montgomery	1974
Clyde Heifer Stuart	1968
B. O. Van Hook	1981
Fred Walters	1971

Tennis:

(Players, Coaches, & Tennis Administrators)

Bobby Brien	1985
Mack Cameron	1999
Carolyn Henry	2002
Slew Hester	1968
Lester Sack	1991
Tom Sawyer	1992
Dorothy Vest	1980

Track & Field:

(Track & Field Athletes & Coaches)

Ralph Boston	1976
Roy Cochran	1997
K. P. Gatchell	1966
Mildrette Netter Graves	2003
Slats Hardin	1991
Larry Myricks	2001
Don Scott	1963
W. O. Spencer	1968
Paul Wells	1970
Willye White	1981

Swimming & Diving:

(Athletes & Coaches)

M. C. Johnson	1978
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Coaching & Officials:

(High School, College Coaches, & Game Officials)

Ju Burghard	1970
Wobble Davidson	1986
Bert Jenkins	1999
Orsmond Jordan, Jr.	2001
Butch Lambert, Sr.	2000
L. T. Smith	1998
Bob Stevens	2003

Volleyball:

(Players & Coaches)

Samye Johnson	2002
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Total Number of Members

By Sport:

Sports Administration	11
Baseball	26
Basketball	23
Boxing	1
Football	102
Golf	11
Sports Media	5
Multi-Sports	12
Tennis	7
Track & Field	10
Swimming & Diving	1
Volleyball	1
Coaching & Officials	7

Total	217
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Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Members and the *Sports Illustrated* Athletes of the Century

To celebrate the end of the century, *Sports Illustrated* compiled a listing of the 50 Greatest Sports Figures from each state in the United States. Thirty nine members of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame were named to the magazine's All Century selections in the 1999 year-ending special issue. The selections were made based on where the athlete first demonstrated great skills and abilities. MSHOF members names appeared on 7 different state lists and there are currently 32 members who made the magazine's 50 Greatest Sports Figures from Mississippi.

The late Walter Payton, a native of Columbia, Mississippi, who played for Jackson State and the NFL's Chicago Bears, was named as the number one sports figure in Mississippi for the 20th Century. Overall, the state of Mississippi was 12th in the nation for producing top athletes in the last century.

The following is a state by state list of all Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame members selected for this elite *Sports Illustrated* honor:

MISSISSIPPI:

Walter Payton	#1	inducted in 1993	Columbia, MS
Lance Alworth	#3	inducted in 1988	Brookhaven, MS
"Bruiser" Kinard	#4	inducted in 1961	Jackson, MS
Archie Manning	#5	inducted in 1989	Drew, MS
Margaret Wade	#6	inducted in 1974	McCool, MS
Jake Gibbs	#8	inducted in 1976	Grenada, MS
Lucy Harris	#9	inducted in 1990	Minter City, MS
Charlie Conerly	#10	inducted in 1966	Clarksdale, MS
Willie Brown	#13	inducted in 1995	Yazoo City, MS
Willye White	#14	inducted in 1981	Money, MS
Lem Barney	#15	inducted in 1986	Gulfport, MS
L. C. Greenwood	#17	inducted in 1996	Canton, MS
Johnny Vaught	#18	inducted in 1976	Ingleside, TX
Ralph Boston	#19	inducted in 1976	Laurel, MS
Ron Polk	#20	inducted in 1998	Boston, MA
Purvis Short	#22	inducted in 2000	Hattiesburg, MS
Harold Jackson	#25	inducted in 1989	Hattiesburg, MS
Bill Foster	#26	inducted in 2003	Rodney, MS
Mary Mills	#28	inducted in 1987	Gulfport, MS
Billy Shaw	#29	inducted in 1996	Natchez, MS
Ray Perkins	#30	inducted in 1998	Petal, MS
Babe McCarthy	#31	inducted in 1974	Baldwyn, MS
Larry Myricks	#32	inducted in 2001	Jackson, MS
Dave "Boo" Ferris	#33	inducted in 1964	Shaw, MS
Bert Jenkins	#39	inducted in 1999	Gulfport, MS
Jack Gregory	#42	inducted in 2000	Okolona, MS
Harol Lofton	#44	inducted in 1999	Brookhaven, MS
Sammy Winder	#45	inducted in 1998	Madison, MS
Slew Hester	#46	inducted in 1968	Hazlehurst, MS
Claude Passeur	#47	inducted in 1964	Waynesboro, MS
Bobby Collins	#48	inducted in 2000	Laurel, MS
Dot Murphy	#50	inducted in 1999	Starkville, MS

**ARKANSAS:**

Dizzy Dean	#6	inducted in 1990	Lucas, AR
Donnie Kessinger	#32	inducted in 1984	Forrest City, AR

GEORGIA:

Ray Guy	#24	inducted in 1994	Swainsboro, GA
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LOUISIANA:

Slats Hardin	#33	inducted in 1991	Derma, MS
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MISSOURI:

Cool "Papa" Bell	#5	inducted in 1995	Starkville, MS
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SOUTH CAROLINA:

"Doc" Blanchard	#5	inducted in 1994	McColl, SC
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TENNESSEE:

Cary Middlecoff	#10	inducted in 1996	Memphis, TN
Bailey Howell	#12	inducted in 1977	Middleton, TN

**ATHLETES NAMED TO THE SPORTS ILLUSTRATED
50 GREATEST SPORTS FIGURES FROM MISSISSIPPI LIST
WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE MSHOF INCLUDE:**

Jerry Rice	#2	still active, not eligible
Brett Favre	#7	still active, not eligible
Calvin Smith	#11	nominated
Ruthie Bolton-Holifield	#12	nominated
Jennifer Gillom	#16	still active, not eligible
Wilbert Montgomery	#21	nominated
Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf	#24	(formerly Chris Jackson)
Eric Dampier	#27	still active, not eligible
Steve McNair	#34	still active, not eligible
Van Chancellor	#35	still active, eligible, nominated
Clarence Witherspoon	#36	still active, not eligible
Litterial Green	#37	still active, not eligible
Hugh Green	#39	nominated
Antonio McDyess	#40	still active, not eligible
Jim Gallagher, Jr.	#41	still active, not eligible
Marcus Dupree	#43	nominated
Eric Moulds	#48	still active, not eligible



HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Name	Year Inducted	Sport	Hometown	Teams/Affiliation
Billy Ray Adams	1987	Football	Columbus	Ole Miss
Warner Alford	2003	Football/A.D.	McComb	Ole Miss
W.C."Pop" Allen	1994	Football	New Sight	High School Administrator
Lance Alworth	1988	Football	Brookhaven	San Diego Chargers/Dallas (AFL/NFL)
Charles "Pee Wee" Armstrong	1976	Baseball	Bogalouosa, LA	Miss. State
Bonner Arnold	1978	Basketball	Frankstown	Northeast CC
Jim Ashmore	1983	Basketball	Newmarket, MO	Miss. State
Johnny Baker	1986	Football	Meridian	MSU/Houston (NFL)
Calvin Barbour	1975	Football	Vicksburg	Ole Miss
Lem Barney	1986	Football	Gulfport	JSU/Detroit (NFL)
Doby Bartling	1977	Football	Itta Bena	Ole Miss/Millsaps
Jim Baxter	1969	Football	Lumberton	Millsaps/Meridian
James "Cool Papa" Bell	1995	Baseball	Starkville	Negro Leagues
Mickey Bellande	1974	Golf	Biloxi	Amateur Golf
Verlon Biggs	2002	Football	Moss Point	JSU/NY Jets/Wash. (AFL/NFL)
J. T. "Blondy" Black	1976	Football	Philadelphia	Miss. State/Baltimore (NFL)
Therman "Blacky" Blackledge	1971	Basketball	Moselle	Delta State
Bernard Blackwell	2001	Football	Saucier	OM/MC/MS Assn. Coaches
Felix "Doc" Blanchard	1994	Football	McColl, SC	St. Stanislaus HS - Army
Donald Lee Blasingame	1980	Baseball	Corinth	St. Louis (MLB)
Ralph Boston	1976	Track & Field	Laurel	Tenn. St/Olympian
Denver Brackeen	1982	Basketball	Hickory	Ole Miss/NYKnicks (NBA)
Leon Bramlett	1988	Football	Clarksdale	Navy
Bobby Brien	1985	Tennis	Sydney, Australia	Miss. State
Willie Brown	1995	Football	Yazoo City	Oakland (NFL)
Jackson Brumfield	2001	Football	Franklinton, LA	USM, S. F. 49ers, Military
Ju Burghard	1970	Basketball	Macon, GA	Miss. College/Referee
Ode Burrell	1997	Football	Durant	Miss. State/Houston (AFL/NFL)
Guy T. "MS Mudcat" Bush	1973	Baseball	Aberdeen	Chi/St. Louis (MLB)
C. B. "Buck" Cameron	1987	Coach	Quitman	Miss. State/Laurel, MS
Mack Cameron	1999	Tennis	Laurel	Miss. State
James Ray Carpenter	2003	Golf	Hattiesburg	Miss. State/Southern Miss/PGA
Marino "Godfather" Casem	1994	Coach	Memphis, TN	Alcorn State Football
Gene Chadwick	1973	Coach	Starkville	Miss. State/Delta State
Robert "Ace" Cleveland	1998	Sports Information	Hattiesburg	Southern Miss. Sports Info
Leroy Braxton "Roy" Cochran	1997	Track & Field	Richton	Indiana U./Olympian
Bobby Collins	2000	Football	Laurel	Miss. State/Southern Miss/SMU
Charlie Conerly	1966	Football	Clarksdale	Ole Miss/NY Giants (NFL)
Hamp Cook	1996	Football	Georgiana, AL	Southern Miss/N.O. Saints
Hunter "Local Joe" Corhern	1989	Football	Starkville	Miss. State
Harry "Popeye" Craft	1975	Baseball	Ellisville	Miss. College /Cin. Reds (MLB)
A. G. "Windy" Crawford	1972	Football	Mathiston	Millsaps
Bobby Crespino	1994	Football	Benoit/Greenville	Ole Miss/NY Giants (NFL)
Jack Cristil	1991	Broadcaster	Memphis, TN	Miss. State
H. M. "Hughie" Critz	1963	Baseball	Starkville	Miss. State/Cin. Reds (MLB)
Roland Dale	1995	Football	Magee	Ole Miss/Southern Miss
James H. "Peanut" Davenport	1983	Baseball	Saluria, AL	USM/S.F. Giants (MLB)
J. W. "Wobble" Davidson	1986	Football	Memphis, TN	Ole Miss
Arthur "Art" Davis	1981	Football	Clarksdale	Miss. State/Pitt(NFL)
Harper "Racehorse" Davis	1980	Football	Clarksdale	MSU/Millsaps/Chi/GB/LA Dons (NFL)
Eagle Day	1981	Football	Columbia	Ole Miss/CFL
Jay Hanna "Dizzy" Dean	1990	Baseball	Lucas, AR	St. Louis (MLB)
John A. "Kayo" Dottley	1971	Football	Birmingham, AL	Ole Miss/Chi (NFL)
James K. "Jim" Dunaway	1990	Football	Columbia	Ole Miss/Buf/Mia (NFL)
J. C. "Jim" Edwards	1966	Baseball	Banner	Miss. State/Clev (MLB)



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T. B. Ellis, Jr.	2002	Coach/A.D.	Jackson	Jackson State
James Douglas "Doug" Elmore	1993	Football	Reform, AL	Ole Miss/Wash (NFL)(CFL)
Erwin "Buddy" Elrod	1975	Football	Sherman, TX	Miss. State
Jess Fatheree	1964	Baseball	Jackson	LSU
Nollie C. "Papa" Felts	1967	Football	Hattiesburg	Southern Miss./Tulane
David M. "Boo" Ferriss	1964	Baseball	Shaw	Miss. State/Boston (MLB)
Agnes M. Fitz-hugh	1975	Golf	Chattanooga, TN	Women's Amateur Golf
F. Charles "Charlie" Flowers	1985	Football	Marianna, AR	Ole Miss/San Diego (NFL)
Lee Floyd	1991	Coach	El Paso, TX	Southern Miss.
Joe Fortunato	1978	Football	Mingo Junction, OH	Miss. State/Chi. (NFL)
William "Bill" Foster	2003	Baseball	Rodney	Alcorn/Negro Leagues
Doss Golden Fulton	1986	Coach	Louisville	HS Football Coach
Tranny Lee Gaddy	1965	Multi Sports	Hoover Lake	Miss. State
K. P. "Gatch" Gatchell	1966	Multi Sports	Moorhead	Miss. State
Smylie Lee Gebhart	1987	Football	Meridian	Georgia Tech
Joseph Charles "Joe" Gibbon	1979	Baseball	Hickory	Ole Miss/Pitt (MLB)
Jerry Dean "Jake" Gibbs	1976	Baseball	Grenada	Ole Miss/NY Yankees (MLB)
Kline Gilbert	1977	Football	Hollandale	Ole Miss/Chicago (NFL)
Peggie Gillom	1998	Basketball	Abbeville	Ole Miss/WNBA/Texas A&M
Thomas Guinn "Tom" Goode	1990	Football	West Point	Miss. State/Hou/Mia/Balt (NFL)
William C. "W. C." Gorden	1997	Coach	Nashville, TN	Jackson State Football
B. L. "Country" Graham	1963	Basketball	Baldwyn	Ole Miss
Larry Grantham	1980	Football	Crystal Springs	Ole Miss/NY Jets (AFL/NFL)
Mildrette Netter Graves	2003	Track & Field	Rosedale	Alcorn/Olympian
Reed Green	1966	Coach/Ath. Dir.	Leakesville	Southern Miss
L. C. Greenwood	1996	Football	Canton	Pittsburgh (NFL)
Jack Gregory	2000	Football	Okolona	Delta State/Clev/NY Giants (NFL)
Paul "Tall Paul" Gregory	1982	Coach	Tomnolen	Miss. State/MLB Teams
Glynn Griffing	2002	Football	Culkin	Ole Miss/NY Giants (NFL)
Sue Gunter	2003	Basketball	Walnut Grove	East Central CC/LSU
Ray Guy	1994	Football	Swainsboro, GA	Southern Miss/Oakland (NFL)
E. W. "Goat" Hale	1961	Football	Jackson	Miss. College/Millsaps/Ole Miss
L. P. "Parker" Hall	1970	Football	Tunica	Ole Miss/Clev/S.F. (NFL)
Glen F. "Slats" Hardin	1991	Track & Field	Derma	LSU/Olympian
Lusia "Lucy" Harris	1990	Basketball	Minter City	Delta State
Robert M. "Bob" Hartley	1994	Sports Information	Meridian	Miss. State Sports Information
Marion Henley	1993	Coach	Biloxi	Jackson State/Carver HS
Carolyn Henry	2002	Tennis	Crystal Springs	MSCW(MUW)/USTA
W. E. "Slew" Hester	1968	Tennis/Admin.	Hazelhurst	Millsaps/US Tennis Assn.
Gene Hickerson	1979	Football	Atwood, TN	Ole Miss/Clev. (NFL)
Stan Hindman	1988	Football	Newton	Ole Miss/S.F. 49ers (NFL)
T. S. "Dick" Hitt	1965	Football	Goss	Miss. College/Mem. Stadium
Joel R. Hitt, Jr.	1972	Multi Sports	Goss	Miss. College
T. D. "Dobie" Holden	1970	Football	Picayune	LSU/JUCO Coach
John A. "Junie" Hovious	1967	Football	Vicksburg	Ole Miss
Bailey Howell	1977	Basketball	Middleton, TN	Miss. State/Boston Celtics (NBA)
Kent Hull	2003	Football	Greenwood	Miss. State/Buffalo Bills (NFL)
Doug Hutton	1995	Multi Sports	Jackson	Miss. State
Harold "Sunny" Jackson	1989	Football	Hattiesburg	Jackson State/LA Rams (NFL)
Bert Jenkins	1999	Coach	Gulfport	Gulfport HS Basketball
M. C. "Tuffy" Johnson	1978	Swimming	Lexington	Southern Miss
Samye Johnson	2002	Volleyball	Mendenall	MSCW(MUW)/Miss. State
Ormond Jordan	2001	Basketball	Decatur	Alcorn, Murrah HS
E. D. "Doug" Kenna, Jr.	1970	Football	Jackson	Ole Miss/Army
Don "Donnie" Kessinger	1984	Baseball	Forrest City, AR	Ole Miss/St.L./Chi. (MLB)
Robert Khayat	2000	Football	Moss Point	Ole Miss/Wash Redskins (NFL)
Frank M. "Bruiser" Kinard	1961	Football	Jackson	Ole Miss/NY Giants (NFL)
Ike Knox	1964	Multi Sports	Pontotoc	Ole Miss



Name	Year Inducted	Sport	Hometown	Teams/Affiliation
Sylvia Howell Krebs	1996	Basketball	Forest	Forest HS/Belhaven
Wendell Ladner	1988	Basketball	Necaise Crossing	Southern Miss/ABA Teams
Butch Lambert, Sr.	2000	SEC Official	Holcut	Ole Miss/SEC Official
James H. "Jimmy" "King" Lear	1991	Football	Greenwood	Ole Miss
H. B. "Hal" "Sheriff" Lee	1974	Baseball	Ludlow	Miss. College/MLB Teams
Earl Leggett	2002	Football	Jacksonville, FL	Hinds/LSU/Chi/LA/NO (NFL)
S. A. Sam "Sambo" Leslie	1968	Baseball	Moss Point	MLB Teams
Dwight Douglas "D.D." Lewis	1987	Football	Knoxville, TN	Miss. State/Dallas (NFL)
Ken Lindsay	2001	Golf	Glencoe, AL	Memphis State/PGA/Colonial CC
Freddie Little	1995	Boxing	Picayune	Pro Boxing
James Harol Lofton	1999	Football	Brookhaven	Ole Miss/Military team
Carla "Shorty" Lowry	1985	Basketball	Washington, D.C.	Forest HS/Coach
Carl "Clipboard" Maddox	1989	Coach/Ath. Dir.	Magnolia, AR	LSU/Miss. State
Archie Manning	1989	Football	Drew	Ole Miss/N.O. Saints (NFL)
J. H. "Babe" McCarthy	1974	Coach	Baldwyn	Miss. State Basketball
Jimmie "MS Red" McDowell	1999	Sportswriter	Brookhaven	MSHOF Founder
William M. "Bucky" McElroy	1981	Football	Monroe, LA	Southern Miss
Dave McIntosh	1973	Football	McComb	Millsaps
Allyn McKeen	1977	Coach	Fulton, KY	Miss. State Football
Eric McNair	1963	Baseball	Meridian	Philadelphia Athletics (MLB)
Thomas "Shorty" McWilliams	1963	Football	Newton	Miss. State/NFL Teams
Eddie Merrins	2000	Golf	Meridian	LSU/UCLA/PGA
Abe Mickal	1985	Football	Talia, Lebanon	McComb/LSU
Cary Middlecoff	1996	Golf	Memphis, TN	Ole Miss/PGA
Mary Bentley Mills	1987	Golf	Gulfport	Millsaps/LPGA
Crawford Mims	1995	Football	Vicksburg	Ole Miss
William "Willie" Mitchell	1966	Baseball	Pleasant Grove	Miss. State/Clev/Det (MLB)
Bilbo "Mule" Monaghan	1996	Coach	Amory	MS School Deaf/NFL
J. T. "Johnny" Montgomery	1974	Baseball	Hattiesburg	Ole Miss
W. E. "Bucky/Dixie Flyer" Moore	1965	Football	McComb	Loyola/Chicago (NFL)
George Morris	1983	SEC Official	Vicksburg	Georgia Tech Football
Dot Easterwood Murphy	1999	Basketball	Starkville	MSCW(MUW)/Hinds CC
Charles S. "Buddy" Myer	1971	Baseball	Ellisville	Miss. State/Wash (MLB)
Larry Myricks	2001	Track & Field	Clinton/Jackson	Miss. College/Olympics
Tom Neville	1984	Football	Montgomery, AL	Miss. State/NE Patriots (NFL)
Jack C. Nix	1988	Football	Pachuta	Miss. State/HS Coach
C. R. "Dudy" Noble	1961	Coach/Ath. Dir.	Learned	Miss. State Baseball
J. D. "Jackie" Parker	1972	Football	Knoxville, TN	Miss. State/CFL Teams
Claude William Passeur	1964	Baseball	Waynesboro	Millsaps (MLB)
Jimmy Patton	1972	Football	Greenville	Ole Miss/NY Giants (NFL)
Walter Payton	1993	Football	Columbia	Jackson State/Chicago (NFL)
Hugh McLaurin "Pep" Pepper	1977	Baseball	Vaughn	Southern Miss/Pitt. (MLB)
Ray Perkins	1998	Football	Mt. Olive/Petal	Alabama/NFL Teams
J. M. "Bubba" Phillips	1972	Multi Sports	Macon	Southern Miss/MLB Teams
George Durden Pillow	1983	Basketball	Greenwood	Miss. State
Ron Polk	1998	Coach	Boston/Phoenix	Miss. State/Georgia Baseball
J. E. "Buster" Poole	1964	Football	Gloster	Ole Miss/NY Giants (NFL)
Barney Poole	1965	Football	Gloster	Ole Miss/Army/NY Giants (NFL)
Ray Smith Poole	1968	Football	Gloster	Ole Miss/NY Giants (NFL)
Johnny Pott	1993	Golf	Alexandria, LA	LSU/Pro Golf
Walter "Toomsuba" Reed	1999	Coach/Ath. Dir.	Meridian	Jackson State/Fla. M & A
A. J. "Andy" Reese	1969	Baseball	Tupelo	Minor Leagues
Joseph Asbury "Joe" Renfroe	1982	Football	Ft. Myers, FL	Tulane/Southern Miss
Nicholas "Nick" Revon	1985	Basketball	New Orleans, LA	Southern Miss
Willie L. Richardson	1979	Football	Clarksdale	JSU/Baltimore Colts/Mia (NFL)
S. L. "Robby" Robinson	1961	Coach	Belding, MI	Mississippi College Football
Lester Maurice Sack	1991	Tennis	Clarksdale	Tulane/Pro Tennis
W. C. "Billy" Sam	1965	Football	Vicksburg	Ole Miss



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Ranville Tom Sawyer	1992	Tennis	Corinth	Miss. State/Amateur Tennis
Don Magruder Scott	1963	Track & Field	Woodville	Miss. State/Olympian
George Sekul	2002	Football	Biloxi	Southern Miss/GulfCoast CC
William Lewis "Billy" Shaw	1996	Football	Natchez/Vicksburg	Ga. Tech/Buf (NFL)
Purvis Short	2000	Basketball	Hattiesburg	JSU/Golden State/New Jersey Nets (NBA)
Jackie Slater	2003	Football	Jackson	Jackson State/LA & St. Louis Rams (NFL)
C. M. "Tad" Smith	1969	Coach/Ath. Dir.	Brookhaven	Ole Miss
Leroy Terry "L.T." Smith	1998	Coach	Jackson	Lanier High School
Ralph "Catfish" Smith	2002	Football	Brookhaven	Ole Miss/Philadelphia/Clev (NFL)
Riley Henry Smith	1984	Football	Greenwood	Alabama
William O. Spencer	1968	Track & Field	Jackson, TN	Miss. State/Olympian
Johnny "Jack Ripper" Spinks	1984	Football	Birmingham, AL	Alcorn State/NFL Teams
Billy McGovern Stacy	1979	Football	Drew	Miss. State/St. Louis (NFL)
Robert E. "Bob" Stevens	2003	Football	Hazlehurst	Southern Miss/HS coach, handball
H. L. "Hook" Stone	1967	Coach	Tupelo	Miss. State/Millsaps
W. D. "Red" Stroud	1990	Basketball	Lake	Miss. State/NBA
Clyde "Heifer" Stuart	1968	Coach	Meridian	Miss. State/Southern Miss.
Billie Scott Suber	1993	Football	Grenada	Miss. State
Walter R. "Polie" Sullivan	1973	Football	Dentval	Copiah-Lincoln JUCO/LSU
Robert B. "Bull" Sullivan	1984	Coach	Aliceville, AL	East MS CC Football
Thomas King "Tom" Swayze	1978	Coach	Yazoo City	Ole Miss Baseball
Michael D. "Mike" Taylor	1997	Golf	New Orleans, LA	BYU/Meridian/Amateur Golf
C. J. "Pete" Taylor	1990	Coach	New Orleans, LA	Southern Miss Baseball
Marvin Terrell	2001	Football	W. Memphis, AR	Ole Miss/Dallas/Kansas City/AFL,CFL
Charles S. "Chuck" Thomas	1975	Football	Winona	Delta State
P. W. "Bear" Underwood	1986	Coach	Flat Creek, AL	Southern Miss Football
Delbert Bernard "Del" Unser	1997	Baseball	Decatur, IL	Miss. State/Phil (MLB)
B. O. Van Hook	1981	Coach/Ath.Dir.	Meridian	Millsaps
Thad "Pie" Vann	1971	Coach	Magnolia	Ole Miss/Southern Miss Football
John Howard "Johnny" Vaught	1976	Coach	Ingleside, TX	Ole Miss Football
Dorothy Vest	1980	Tennis	Brownsville, TX	Amateur Tennis
S. B. "Sam" Vick	1967	Baseball	Batesville	Millsaps/MLB
Lily Margaret Wade	1974	Coach	McCool	Delta State Women's Basketball
Gerald H. "Gee" Walker	1969	Baseball	Gulfport	Ole Miss/MLB Teams
J. E. "Fred" Walters	1971	Baseball	Laurel	Miss. State/Boston (MLB)
Carl Walters, Sr.	1993	Sportswriter	Laurel	Clarion Ledger
"Chunkin" Charlie Ward	1979	Basketball	Pelahatchie	Copiah-Lincoln/Millsaps
J. L. "Skeeter" Webb	1978	Baseball	Meridian	Ole Miss/MLB Teams
Hunter George Weddington	1983	Golf	Meridian	Ole Miss/Amateur Golf
P. L. "Paul" Wells	1970	Football	Iuka	Miss. State
Willye B. White	1981	Track & Field	Money	Tennessee State/Olympian
Davey L. "Dave" Whitney	1991	Coach	Midway, KY	Alcorn State Basketball
"Gentle" Ben Williams	1997	Football	Yazoo City	Ole Miss/Bufalo (NFL)
B. F. "Spec" Wilson	1967	Golf	Hot Coffee	LSU/Amateur Golf
Pat Wilson	1969	Coach	Tupelo	Auburn/Miss. State/HS Coach
Sammy Winder	1998	Football	Madison	Southern Miss/Denver (NFL)

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